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**To:** MD410 Council / MD410 Incoming Council / Past District Governors / District Cabinet Officers / Presidents & Secretaries of ALL Clubs

Dear Fellow Lions,

**IN THE MIDDLE OF DIFFICULTY LIES OPPORTUNITY**

Further to the letter dated 19 March, it is with regret and some sadness that the MD410 Council of Governors hereby confirms that the **Multiple District 410 Convention 2020 has been cancelled.**

As previously advised, the original decision was not an easy one, however the final decision is based on the non-negotiable rulings of our country during this pandemic and most importantly on ensuring the wellbeing and safety of our members and their families, thereby upholding the meaning of LIONS i.e. Liberty, Intelligence, **Our Nations' Safety.**

On behalf of the MD410 Council of Governors, I wish to thank those members who have put in so much hard work and will still do so in order to meet the decision-making requirements for our Multiple District 410 in terms of voting by Clubs, virtual MD410 Council Meeting and a host of other things. In particular our MD410 Constitutions, By-Laws, Resolutions and Protocol Committee under PCC Cliff Hocking, the MD410 Convention Committee under Lion Trevor Hobbs and the MD410 GAT Team (PDG Paula Lang, PDG Ian King, PCC Cliff Hocking and PDG Geila Wills). Special mention to the MD410 GLT/District 410W/District 410E GLT Co-ordinators in regard to the training of our Region and Zone Chairpersons and Club Officers for the forthcoming fiscal year. The information flow from our MD410 Alert Co-ordinator, Lion Neville van Rensburg has been invaluable in negotiating and sifting through the "do's and don'ts" during the COVID-19 crisis.

**THE WAY FORWARD:**

With the cancellation of the Lions Clubs International Convention which was scheduled for end June 2020 in Singapore, we are no longer governed to meet the constitutional requirements in terms of MD410 Conventions of holding our MD410 Convention 30 days prior to the date of the International Convention.

However, having said that, there are still matters that will need to be considered, being:

**1. Voting by Lions Members:**

- Constitutional and Ordinary Resolutions.
- Christmas Cake Pricing.
- Adoption of MD410 and Lions BrightSight Financials.

As per the letter which talked to the postponement of the MD410 Convention, plans for the accreditation of voting delegates and the like will be put in place and the MD410 Constitutions and Credentials Committees are gearing up for the implementation thereof as well as other aspects that will need to be taken into account.

You will be notified of this "virtual" voting process by no later than 15 May 2020, with the Virtual MD410 Council Meeting and Convention taking place on 27 June 2020.

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**2. Current registrations for MD410 Convention 2020:**

The Convention Committee will ensure that all registration fees that are still being held are refunded to the incumbent Lions.

Furthermore, the Convention Committee will negotiate with the hotel to refund any accommodation deposits / payments made directly to them.

**3. MD410 Convention 2021:**

As per the header of this letter, "In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity", all is not lost and as per the decision of the MD410 Council of Governors, the 2021 MD410 Convention will be held in Durban, final dates to be advised around October 2020.

At this point, I wish to thank Lion Trevor Hobbs and his Committee for the work that they have done, which will definitely not be in vain as they have laid the full foundation and more for what, no doubt, will be an EXCEPTIONAL 2021 MD410 Convention, which I trust every one of us will support and attend in celebration of chartering the waters through crisis.

**4. Reports by MD410 Co-ordinators / Chairpersons:**

These will be circulated by Council Secretary Beaulieu Maré to all Council Members, Incoming Council Members, PCCs, PDGs and Lions Clubs Presidents and Secretaries by Friday 12 June 2020.

This is your "Convention Pack" which you would have received in hardcopy format on registration in Durban.

**5. Citizen of the Year Award:**

The MD410 Council of Governors has decided that this will not be awarded this year due to the challenges around a handover. The funds held by LCIF will be left there with the recipient to be nominated through the normal process for presentation at the 2021 MD410 Convention.

**6. RLLI:**

Following discussions by PDG Paula Lang (MD410 GLT Co-ordinator) with LCI, this RLLI will be held prior to the 2021 Convention at the venue of the Convention i.e. Durban. Again, I would expect the aspiring leadership of our Multiple District to register as soon as all details are circulated towards the end of this year.

**7. RC/ZC Training/Incoming Cabinet & Club Officers:**

This will take place in-District by virtual means and the dates will be communicated by the relevant District GLT Co-ordinators.

**8. District 410W and 410E Cabinet Meetings:**

The relevant District Cabinet Members will be notified of when these meetings will take place by the respective District Governors, Bennie Smith (410W) and Alistair Tuckett (410E).

**9. MD410 Council Meeting:**

This will be held on Saturday 27 June 2020.

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**10. MD410 Convention 2022:**

We are pleased to advise that the MD410 Convention for 2022 will be hosted by the Lions Club of Port Rex in East London. We wish to thank the Club and the Convention Committee for understanding and being so amicable and accommodating the shift.

**THANK YOU TO ALL:**

Breaking away from the business of administration, we wish to thank each and every Lion for the service that they have and continue to do during this crisis. We ask that you please remember that whether you are packing food parcels, making frozen meals, baking, knitting, sewing or keeping in touch with fellow members, our service is needed and appreciated. We should also remember that the service needs of our communities whilst maybe great right now, will multiply tenfold after lockdown. Furthermore, and most importantly, do not forget about many of our members who will need our support and help as jobs are lost and businesses are closed. We have often heard the saying "charity begins at home" – please remember this and that kindness goes a long way.

As you will appreciate, we are still dealing with a lot of "unknowns" however we sincerely thank you for your understanding and until we physically can meet again, please stay healthy and keep safe.

Yours in Lionism and friendship,

*Jacqui*

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