



Brussels Heraldic Lions Club 2008 Newsletter

The Brussels Heraldic Lions Club raised and donated almost €50,000 in its most recent activity year (September 2007 to August 2008). Here is a summary of some of our recent activities. We would like to thank you for your support over the past year and look forward to further future cooperation.

Splash 2008 – Reaching new heights!

2008 marked Heraldic's 25th Swimathon: Splash. In one day, we raised over €40,000 for our charities, in particular, the hospital schools in **Hôpital Reine Fabiola** in Brussels and **Gasthuisberg** in Louvain, to introduce new technologies to help children during their stay in hospital. We would once again like to thank our supporters, swimmers, sponsors and volunteers who made Splash 2008 such a magical event.



Join us for SPLASH 2009

Neder-over-Hembeek - 15 March 2009
See www.lionsheraldic.net/Splash.htm

Splash 2009 is fast approaching. On 15 March 2009, we will be swimming for two organisations: **Nos Pilifs** and **FACE**. **Nos Pilifs** allows functionally challenged individuals in Brussels to contribute to society. Splash funds will help them make significant infrastructure improvements to their Welcome Centre. **FACE** is a Belgian organisation that builds and runs orphanages and homes for street children in Cairo. We hope to raise funds to develop their medical clinic.



Sound for Vision Concert

Brussels Heraldic held a concert in April to raise money for the Lions anti-blindness campaign, SightFirst II. **Frédéric Lamory**, a blind pianist,

energised a crowded Brussels church with songs from his new CD.

Heraldic wheel-chair fit a mini-van

When Centre **Arnaud Fraiteur** needed a new mini-van to take their kids on excursions, Heraldic members reacted to provide the means in a manner they knew best: they organised a BBQ and ate and drank their way to their goal.

Continuing Support

Heraldic has also supported other projects in 2008. Our Brussels Marathon team raised money for **CAP48** (for **Escalpade**), we covered the phone costs for **Community Help Service**, students at **Ahazaza school** in Rwanda received the means to go to school, and part of our Christmas CD sales went to **SOS Children's Villages**. We are always looking for projects we can support through funds or activities. Please contact us if you have any good ideas.

Mark your Calendars: Our 25th Charter

Brussels Heraldic is celebrating its 25th Charter on 18 October 2009 at the Brussels Sheraton. Check www.lionsheraldic.net for more details.

A German-speaking Lions club is launched

Brussels Heraldic has grown steadily over the last five years, a large part due to the increase of German-speaking members. In the summer of this year, several of our members decided to form a German-speaking club, **Brüssel Charlemagne**. Heraldic is proud to godfather this new club, and while we'll miss our friends, we are eager to help them spread Lionism further in Brussels.

Have you ever thought of becoming a Lion?

With Heraldic dividing into two clubs, we find ourselves with some extra seats around the table. Why don't you join us? To be a Lion means to be part of a team that enjoys working together to serve the community. This year Heraldic members teamed up to organise a swimathon, have a concert, fire up the BBQ (twice), visit a senior's home and run a stand at a Christmas market. If you would like to participate, come to one of our dinners and see how you could help make a difference. Contact Dirk Deberdt (GSM 0479 659 291) or visit www.lionsheraldic.net for more info.