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Governor Dr George SM Banda (Left) presenting a gift to Governor Elect Sanjay S Balid (Right) during the gala dinner at Chrismar Hotel Livingstone on the 11th May, 2019



Chief of Guest International Director Virinder "V.K." Luthra giving a speech at Courtyard Hotel on the 10th May, 2019



GLT Area 6L Leader PDG Daniel Zyambo giving a speech at Courtyard Hotel on the 10th May, 2019

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### Month of June - Helen Keller Day

Helen Keller Day is a commemorative holiday to celebrate the birth of Helen Keller, observed on June 27 annually. The holiday observance was created by presidential proclamation in 1980, as well as by international organizations, particularly those helping the blind and the deaf.



# WE SERVE

Our mission is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.





# Preamble

As Lions how can we build on our already impressive legacy? It's simple, we will do what Lions have always done. We will get creative and reach within our communities, clubs and selves to discover a new level of service.

We are the leaders in the second Century of service. With the centennial Celebrations behind us, we are focusing on the future. Together, we will shape our tomorrow to create a modern environment for Lions clubs.

The Global Action Team (GAT) will be the driver of all our activities, empowering Clubs through the power of action.

All clubs will have members of (GAT) hence all our activities will be bottom up starting from the clubs upwards to the Zone, Region and District.

## International President's Theme –

The international President's theme is **"BEYOND THE HORIZON"** and Motto **"WE SERVE"** has remained the main theme and this will continue for another three Lionistic years.

This will enable Lions to focus on the purpose of being a **LION**. And relook the power of **WE** and **SERVICE**... **"WE SERVE"** We are then going to focus on four areas as we start the "new century" of humanitarian service.

**REACH BEYOND** - Inculcate the spirit of exploration, Lions are being encouraged as Lions to push beyond our known or perceived limits to achieve even more – we have to think of long term goals, not short term goals. We need to base our plans on facts, not feelings.

**THE FIVE AREAS OF FOCUS** - Harnessing the Power of 1.45 Million Lions worldwide and 1,560 District 413

1. SERVICE WITH INNOVATION
2. MOVING MEMBERSHIP FORWARD
3. INCREASE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
4. PROMOTING THE FELLOWSHIP OF LIONS
5. SHARING OUR STORIES

## District Governor's Theme –

**"SERVICE WITH EXCELLENCE, TEAMWORK AND TENACITY"**

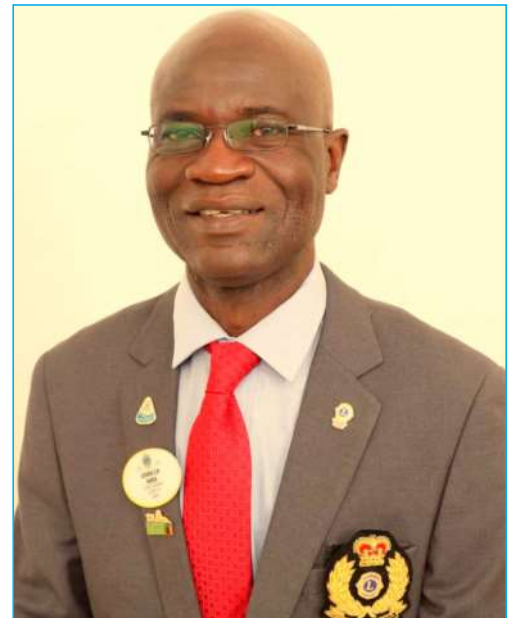
**SERVICE** - We will continue to offer freely of our Treasury, Talent, and Time - We Serve.

**EXCELLENCE** – Our Service shall always be of high quality and distinction.

**TEAMWORK** – Teamwork will be key in all we do, - None of us is smarter than all of us "alone we can do so little, together we can do so much" - Helen Keller. Remember that the difference between success and failure is a great Teamwork.

**TENACITY** – We will carry out all our service, membership recruitment drive with new vigor, enthusiasm, persistence and determination. Apart from our usual recruitment strategy of asking people we know who are like us or better than us, we will go out to the open market and find people who have the heart to serve, we will go out to shopping malls and distribute literature about Lions, mount booths and also show service videos - To succeed in life, in today's world you must have the will and tenacity to finish the job.

*Lion Dr. George SM Banda  
District 413 Governor – 2018-2019*



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### OUR DISTRICT VISION FOR 2018/2019

*"To Grow the District Membership  
to the Point where We become  
a Multiple District, with Well  
Informed and Dynamic Lions"*

*The best Way to Predict  
the Future  
is to  
Create it ...*

*- Abraham Lincoln*



# Lions Donate food, detergents to Solwezi General Hospital

Zone 1 - Lion Juliet Sakala



THE Lions Club has donated assorted food hampers and detergent paste worth K4,000 to the malnutrition ward at Solwezi General Hospital in North-Western Province on the 6th April, 2019.

Items comprised bales of sugar, cooking oil, milk and detergent paste and were handed over to the Solwezi General Hospital Acting Medical Superintendent Namwaka Mukunyandela by Lions District Governor Dr. George SM Banda.

Dr. Banda who travelled to Solwezi for the last Zone 1 meeting with his entourage said the Lions Club will always support the health sector.

Dr Mukunyandela thanked the Lions Club for the gesture and that it will go a long way in helping the needy.

## 31ST LEO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Zone 1 - Lion Juliet Sakala

THE 33rd Leo Annual Conference was held from 9th to 12th May 2019 in Livingstone at the Livingstone Institute of Business and Environmental Studies.

There was a request by the District Governor that the conference be held side by side with the Lions Convention.

The Conference was officially opened by the District Governor Dr George SM Banda and the Leos were addressed by the International Director Virinder "V.K." Luthra.

Several Leos took part in the Elections for the positions of Leo District 413 Zambia President and other elective positions, but only two were scooped by Leo Dr Mukubesa from UTH for President and Leo Mwaka from Jacaranda for 1st Vice President.



During the Conference 10 Leo Clubs were in attendance, Solwezi Kansanshi, Jacaranda, Chilanga, UTH, Kasupe, Naboye, Kalonga, and UNILUS; including District 412A – Zimbabwe Clubs - The Phoenix Omega, and Greater Harare.

The Leos from District 412A and 413 cleaned the paediatric ward of Livingstone General Hospital. This exercise was attended over a period of 3 hours.





# Lions Call for Pragmatism

Chimwemwe Mwale - Livingstone Daily Mail



THE Lions Club has urged its members to be more pragmatic in undertaking projects for the benefit of the needy and underprivileged in society.

Newly elected District Governor Sanjay S Balid said there is need for the club to publicise its projects to attract the necessary support for the underprivileged.

Mr Balid said leaders and members should use the tools at their disposal to garner maximum backing from corporate entities and capable individuals.

He said this is on Saturday, 10th May, 2019 during a gala dinner after the Clubs 48th annual district convention dubbed "Serving the community tenaciously".

"We need to publicise the projects we are undertaking ourselves. Lets go out there and do so because they do not know who we are and what we stand for and what we want to accomplish. We have to use our tools and operate them effectively," he said.

Mr Balid said the club is in need of more members, and that this is top of the agenda during his tenure of office.

He said retention of membership is also important for the club to effectively achieve its objectives of serving the underprivileged in communities.

And Southern Province Deputy, Permanent Secretary Kennedy Mubanga urged Lions Club members to be more innovative and embrace the change of leadership.

Mr Mubanga said the club should be commended for its spirit of goodwill and unity in diversity. He challenged the club to continue making efforts to attract new members to the club as this is key to its strength and growth.



Southern Province Deputy, Permanent Secretary Kennedy Mubanga

"Those of us who are privileged to lead should continue to endeavour leading and promote hard work and unity to achieve results." Mr Mubanga Said.

Meanwhile, outgoing district governor Dr George SM Banda said the new crop of leaders should serve humanity to the best of their abilities as leadership as leadership comes from God.

Dr Banda said leadership is a privilege and should be used to advance the well-being of others above self.



Vice Convener Lion Muhali Francis Makwele giving a speech during gala at Chrismar Hotel Livingstone



LCIF Coordinator Lion Jessica Choobe, IPDG, MJF giving a speech at Courtyard Hotel on the 10th May, 2019





# 25th Lions All Africa CONFERENCE

Theme

**GROWTH AND UNITY IN DIVERSITY**



MULUNGUSHI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
CENTRE LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

25th - 28th | SEPTEMBER,  
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# Lions out to conquer sugar, Cancer

Chimwemwe Mwale - Livingstone Daily Mail



THE Lions Club has escalated activities to help combat diabetes and paediatric cancer around the country, says Club District Governor Dr George SM Banda.

And the Club in 2018 spent about K5 million on various charitable activities for the underprivileged in society.

Dr Banda said the club has escalated efforts to combat diabetes as it affects the eyesight of patients and that part of its thrust is eye-screening.

He said this in an interview on the sidelines of the 48th Annual District Convention dubbed: "Serving the community tenaciously".

"If diabetes is not treated, it can result in loss of sight and this is why we have escalated activities to help combat diabetes as we continue to help in the promotion of eye health" Dr Banda said.

Dr Banda said the club is also embarking on efforts to help combat paediatric cancer because it is difficult to detect in children.

He said the Lions Club is increasing advocacy in paediatric cancer to help early detection and treatment of cancer in children.

"Cancer in children can be very difficult to detect because children cannot speak to tell us what is wrong and point out exactly where the pain is." Dr Banda said.

Dr Banda appealed to corporate entities to help the Lions Club in undertaking its charitable works.

"In the current economic dispensation, we cannot manage on our own and we call upon corporates

entities to join us and we also call upon more Zambians to join the club. It is not for the rich but for anyone who is willing to help the vulnerable in society." he said.

And Dr Banda said the club undertook various activities to help the underprivileged in various parts of the country.

He said the activities include drilling boreholes, construction of classroom blocks, relief for some flood victims in Muchinga province and eye screening clinic sessions around the country, among others.

Dr Banda said the club has also initiated a women's symposium aimed at increasing and enhancing leadership capacity among women.

He said the program is a deliberate effort to help generate more women leaders for the benefit of communities as women are care givers.

And Southern Province deputy Permanent Secretary Kennedy Mubanga commended the club for supplementing Government's efforts in alleviating People's suffering.

Mr Mubanga commended various companies that have partnered with the club to deliver service to the needy.

"It is difficult to come across organisations willing to give resources with this challenging economy. I would like to encourage more companies to come on board and partner with the Lions Club to ensure that the needy are cushioned in their day to day needs." he said

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 GST Coordinator  
 Specialty Clubs  
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# The Dig Is On! The Hunt for Orewa's Buried Treasure

Christy Kneisel



Doesn't every kid dream about finding a buried treasure? Whether it's a chest of pirate's gold, a long lost coin with untold value, or flecks of gold in the riverbed, the idea of finding something worthwhile in the most common of places is captivating. However, for one town in New Zealand, looking for buried treasure is something they do every year. But the true treasure is not in what they uncover with their shovels, but simply the act of searching for it. If you walk along Orewa Beach on the right day in January, you will encounter hundreds of people of all ages digging through the sand. You'll see children running to their parents to show them the treasures they have uncovered, and people in bright yellow shirts serving food, distributing prizes and chatting with members of the community. This is all thanks to the Orewa Lions Club. Chartered in 1964, Orewa is a club of 42 Lions that draws hundreds from the community every year to their Big Dig event.

*"The Big Dig event is a community fun day and... one that up to three generations of families have been coming to. –Club Treasurer, Warwick Simons"*

## The Big Dig

Orewa hosted its first Big Dig in 1980, and, with few exceptions, it has continued every year since—38 times to be exact. Some attendees (including those who dug for treasure when they were children) have gone on to join the Orewa Lions Club and help it continue the tradition of bringing families together for a fun-filled day of treasure hunting and adventure. Club Treasurer Warwick Simons says that the Big Dig event is a community fun day, one that up to three generations of families have been coming to. Each year, the Orewa Lions choose a cause or a community need to support with the event. This year, they chose Lions International's signature cause, diabetes. "A number of our members have diabetes, and more and more people are living with the disease, undiagnosed," said Club President Christine Povey. "Our club has chosen to focus on diabetes as a core service activity for my year as president,

and using the Big Dig to promote diabetes awareness will help us spread the word."

## Adventure for all ages

The Big Dig is divided into two competitions, one for children under five years of age and one for everyone over five. Each participant purchases tickets to dig for "buried treasure," such as lollipop sticks, in the sand. Your first treasure wins you a small reward, and any subsequent pieces win entry into the grand prize drawing. Orewa Lions gave away diabetes-branded toys this year and awarded raffle prizes, like kayaks and a swimming pool to help families stay more active and fight off diabetes.

The Big Dig also includes other activities for families, such as a variety of amusement rides, a tug-of-war contest and instructor-led "Jump/Jam" classes to keep kids and adults moving. Diabetes informational stands and free diabetes screenings are set up to raise awareness of the cause.

## Behind the scenes

Amanda Hebben, the club's secretary, LCIF coordinator and marketing communication chairperson, says that the planning process for the Big Dig is extensive. Lions begin preparing for the event and searching for sponsors six to eight months ahead of time. The club has a committee of five or six people who do all of the planning and organizing. She says that hosting the event for so long has helped them establish a solid timeline with which to plan each year's festivities.

One of the biggest hurdles the Orewa Lions have had to overcome in order to continue hosting the Big Dig is funding. The Lions want to make the event an affordable experience for the community, which means that they must rely heavily on sponsorships.

The fact that the Big Dig is a tradition within the community is a great way to keep participation up, but it doesn't always entice sponsors to donate their time or their money. Orewa Lions have had to adjust their tactics to find several smaller sponsors in lieu of the larger sponsorships they have gotten in the past. They have also utilized grant opportunities at Lions Clubs International to provide additional funding when sponsorship dollars have fallen short.

## A continued impact

Orewa used the funds raised from the Big Dig this year to provide diabetes supplies and awareness to their community. They funded emergency diabetes kits for local schools as well as positive eating courses. They also provided Jerry Bear Packs (teddy bears designed to teach kids about diabetes care) to children with Type 1 diabetes. Thanks to the leadership of the Big Dig's committee members over the years, the Orewa Lions Club's Big Dig has served many causes. Thousands of families have created memories together, and the Orewa Lions Club has been able to sustain its membership and continue to engage with and help the community that looks forward to their event each year.

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## Milan welcomes **Dr. Denis Mukwege**



Lions Clubs International will honor Noble Peace Laureate Dr. Denis Mukwege with the Lions Humanitarian Award this July in Milan. Dr. Mukwege is from east Congo and has become the world's leading specialist in the treatment of wartime sexual violence.

We hope you'll join us in welcoming Dr. Mukwege during his visit to LCIcon 2019!



# Playtime Is Better Together!

Cassandra Rotolo

In Tennessee, the Lions-Anthem Foundation Healthy Heroes initiative helped to fund and build the All-Inclusive Playground at the Karns Lions Club Community Park in the spring of 2017. The playground serves more than 3,500 families each year and is the only one in all of Knox County that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The playground features a musical garden, modern accessible play structures and much more. Thoughtful and inclusive design are key. There are no hills, mulch or rocks.

The artificial turf provides a soft, even surface on which all children can walk, run and even fall safely.

"Inclusion teaches compassion and acceptance. And everyone benefits from that."

For 5-year-old Natalie Barham, this means more confidence. Natalie's difficulty with balance used to keep her from exploring other playgrounds freely. Natalie's mom, Amy, explains, "We never spent much time at parks before because it was just too difficult for us." Natalie is an outgoing and friendly child, and is now playing happily with new friends of all abilities that she meets at the playground.

Perhaps as important, the playground is not only accessible, but inclusive. "Accessible" playgrounds are built exclusively for children with disabilities, whereas "inclusive" playgrounds are built for children of all abilities. For 7-year-old Addie Humphreys, who has cerebral palsy, this distinction is vital. Design elements like extra handrails and low transfer points on slides give Addie the opportunity to connect with other children. Disc-shaped swings provide Natalie the exhilaration of swinging alongside friends.



For Addie's mom, Rachel, the Karns Lions playground offers peace of mind. Addie lacks the core control to safely navigate traditional playground equipment, which often means she plays with her mom instead of other children. The innovative equipment lets Addie interact without her mom hovering too close. "Thank you so much, Lions and Anthem," says Rachel. "You see so far outside of yourselves. This is a gift for the kids, the parents and the entire community."

The project reflects Lions Clubs International Foundation's and Anthem Foundation's shared vision of health and wellness for all. Since 2015, Healthy Heroes projects have directly benefited more than 200,000 lives across eight states, through disability inclusive projects, food banks, shelters and more.

"The Anthem Foundation remains committed to ensuring that families across the country have access to programs and resources that improve the health and wellness of our communities," said Lance Chrisman, executive director of the Anthem Foundation. "Our collaboration with the Lions to support the All-Inclusive Playground is another example of how, together, we are working to ensure that all children have access to safe places and opportunities to live active lifestyles."

Monica Dailey, a local former special education teacher, advised the Lions on their new playground. Inclusivity is paramount for her. "Separating children from each other isn't the answer," she says. "Inclusion teaches compassion and acceptance. And everyone benefits from that."





# Lions Clubs International

## Dear Club Secretary,

One of your most important tasks as club secretary is to maintain an accurate club roster. [MyLCI](#) or your regional reporting system serves as your main resource to make sure that your club's roster is always accurate and that each member's contact information is current. We recommend that you log on monthly to keep your club's information up-to-date.

By maintaining your club roster, you are protecting your club's good standing and ensuring that it is not billed for members who are no longer active in your club. It also ensures that your members receive all the benefits of being a Lion.

Sincerely,

Your District & Club Administration Team



# Servant Leadership: It's All About Serving Others

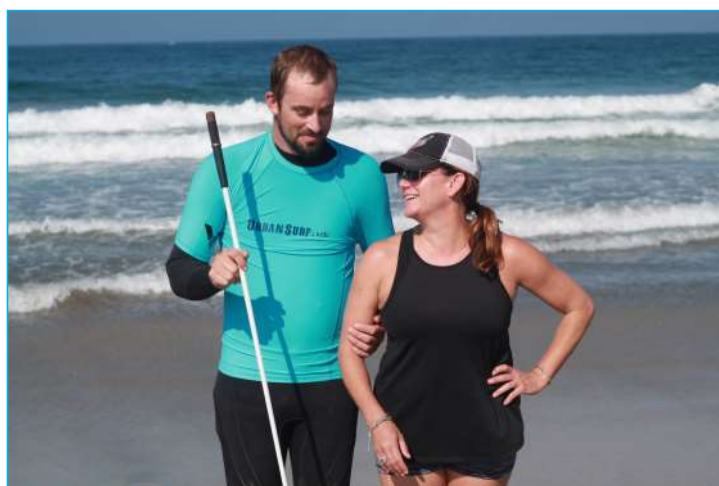
Lion Rachel White

Most people think that you lead from the front or the top. But author John C. Maxwell wrote a whole book on leading from the middle. A leader is someone who sees a need, sets a plan to meet it and achieves his or her goals by serving others. Leadership, therefore, is not a position—it is an action. “Leader” is not a title, but a position of servitude.

A servant leader is a person who serves others. If you are not serving, then you are not a leader. Leadership isn't a pyramid with the leader at the top. It's an inverted pyramid with the strength being the point upon which others are built up. Again, if I am not serving you, I am not a leader. Leadership is serving others so that they achieve the communal goals set forth by the group.

## A desire to lead started early

Growing up, I wanted to be a leader, but I didn't know how to get people to follow me. I was the runt of the litter so to speak. I was bullied and always the last one picked to be on a team in school. I wanted to be smarter, so I stayed after school and asked my teacher for extra help with math. I voluntarily went to summer school. I was not asked to the prom, so I asked a friend of mine who had graduated two years earlier to be my date. When I graduated from college, I had no idea how to write a good résumé nor did I have a mentor who could help me get my foot in the door—any door. But I did have eight years of important experience—public speaking in high school and speech and debate in college, along with competing in the Lions Speakers Contest. I had strong research skills and good people skills. I wanted to succeed and had to look at my situation as an obstacle or an opportunity to selfeducate. I had a degree in communication in speech writing. Now what could I do with it? I went to a small Christian college that didn't assist with internships or career planning.



## Learning how to lead from the ground up

I began applying with temporary placement agencies and quickly discovered the “first in, first out” rule. There was always someone new to give the latest assignment to, so I learned to show up early and brought candy for the office staff. I would work on an assignment and ask my colleagues to request me again for any future needs. I would lead other short-term workers to achieve a deadline, and a project that was scheduled to take a week would take three days. I did not realize at the time that, by serving others, I was developing leadership skills.

One day, while serving in ministry, I was asked if I wanted to lead the ministry. The leader was burning out and didn't want to do it any longer. I was shocked. She said, “You always show up early and are willing to do whatever I ask. You are the type of leader this service needs.” I ended up serving as a hospitality ministry leader for eight years. I always let my teams know: I am here to serve you as you serve others. I won't ask you to do anything I wouldn't do.

## My local Lions club was the perfect fit!

Years later, after a volunteer history that spanned 20 years, I met a member of the Encinitas Lions Club. I shared with her how I competed in the Lions Speakers Contest while in high school. She invited me to the club's upcoming luncheon. During the lunch, I was asked to be a judge in the upcoming speakers contest, and I said “yes.” After I served as a judge, I was invited to the following luncheon as a thank you. During the thank you luncheon, I was invited to join and have been a member ever since.

My first year in the club, I was asked to be the membership chair. “What?” I exclaimed! I had just joined, but they reassured me by saying, “Don't worry, we will help you.” I reflected on my childhood and my sadness by always feeling like I was not “good enough.” I smile now because, as a leader, I look for the small opportunities to help. I look for the quiet person who is often overlooked and ask how I can help him or her. Leadership is not a position of “standing tall” importance. It is a position of kneeling down washing feet.

Joining the Encinitas Lions Club elevated my love of volunteering from being a “hands-on-deck” community volunteer and faith-based project manager to becoming a board member for my club. I’m enhancing my understanding of organizational budgeting, building club partnerships with local businesses and expanding the club’s outreach to area high schools to start our Leo clubs.

Servant leadership is a desire to learn, grow, share and improve in order to help make people’s lives better. Lions teach the next generation by mentorship and example. These life skills are the foundation of love in action.

Our annual Blind Surf event is one of my favorite events. Twenty-three years ago, our founding president realized that we live in a surf culture and that if we could teach those who are visually impaired how to surf, it would give them a confidence, self-awareness and a strong sense of what they were capable of achieving. My Lions club reached out to a local surf club that ran surf camps. They researched and invented techniques to teach those who could not see how to feel the wave and ride it!

### Helping others to help people

I come from a love of theater and public speaking. I now chair our club-level National Speaker’s event and Peace Poster Contest. I spent eight years volunteering and working with professional theater companies and an art gallery. In 2018, I revived our

middle school Peace Poster Contest at the club level in addition to assisting the district chair in reaching out to other middle schools in other cities. The 2019 Public Speaker’s contest is my favorite project, and I am very proud to be its chair.

I wanted so much to be a leader as a young person, but now I’m glad I wasn’t. I would have ended up believing that leadership meant ruling from the top of the heap. Learning that “Leadership” with a capital “L” is a position of service, I know that I don’t have success, we have success. I always ask those whom I have served not to pay me back, but to pay it forward. When someone needs help, do it with the same joy I showed when I served them.

I still volunteer within the theater community, through my church and for social and political causes. I take each tool I forge in every area of my life and ask how I can use it to serve someone else. I have been an employment advocate working with unions, and I have mentored young people, organized special event catering and knocked on doors to get out the vote!

Sitting on the board of the Encinitas Lions Club has been a privilege and an honor. All I ever ask of my senior board members is to please teach me. I was told that our club is special in that everyone has a passion project that the club supports. I love public relations and helping people help people. I have found a place where my passions, gifts and life lessons serve me as I continue to serve others.





# Summer 2018: The Most Unconventional Few Months of My Life

Leo-Lion Kyle Boutilier



My summer began like most university students in North America. I was planning to work through the summer break at my first internship and was excited to finally get a paycheck!

But fate has a way of intervening in the best laid plans. When I found out I had been appointed to co-serve with Eleonora Fresia from Italy in the inaugural Leo-Lion Board Liaison position, I had to quit my internship. The invitation to serve on the Lions board was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that I couldn't turn down.

## **My first board meeting and new directors' orientation**

Six weeks after quitting my internship, I walked across the stage during the third plenary session of the Lions International Convention in Las Vegas as International President Gudrun Yngvadottir announced the appointment of Eleonora and me as the Leo-Lion Board Liaisons. Hearing 15,000 Lions and Leos cheer for the Leo Club Program was so inspirational and motivated me to continue to work hard to positively impact the organization.

Following the final plenary session, I attended the post convention board meeting where outgoing international directors were recognized and thanked for their service, and incoming international directors were welcomed to the board. This gave me the opportunity to network with past and present board members and their spouses. I loved hearing about their Lion experiences and felt welcomed to the board.

The next day was dedicated to meeting my colleagues from the Membership Development Committee. We will be serving together on this committee to increase membership and improve member experience. We will also be exploring new membership opportunities that appeal more to young people. Later that day, board members dined and

danced the night away to the music of Abba. I had a great time and can't wait to work with these Lions in the future.

Immediately following the board meeting, I attended the new directors' orientation at Lions headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois. It was two days of productive sessions that helped us understand all the news, programs and opportunities within the Lions and Leo clubs. It was also nice to liaise with the Young Lions and Leo Department staff, discuss the recent changes within the Leo Club Program and plan the next year.

## **Next stop: USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum**

A few weeks after the new directors' orientation, I traveled to New York to attend the USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum from August 1-5, 2018. The forum's program included numerous workshops and seminars, a trip to Lower Manhattan, a service project with a veterans' group and a presentation from UNICEF. During the forum, Lions staff member Melissa Nadeau and I hosted an Alpha Leo focus group. This was the first Alpha Leo focus group conducted to discuss issues that are important to Alpha Leos, and I am happy to report that it was very successful.

We received valuable feedback from the Leos that will be used to build out a potential membership package proposal for young people. This will also help the Young Lions and Leos Department redirect their resources to the important areas that Leos outlined. Despite the poor weather in New York, it was great to network with and hear from our American, Canadian and Caribbean Leos.

## **The journey continued to the Latin America and Caribbean Leo Forum**

Two days after returning home from New York, I traveled to the Latin America and Caribbean Leo Forum (ELAC) in Montevideo, Uruguay. I could not be happier to have attended this event. The Uruguayan Leos and forum organizers extended their hospitality and hosted an organized and fun conference.

Highlights included dance parties, a tour of Montevideo and a service project funded by an LCIF Leo grant. Emily Burnett, Young Lions and Leos Department Manager, and I also hosted two focus groups—one for the Alpha Leos and the other for Omega Leos. Both groups provided critical feedback about the Leo and Lion relationship in each country and member benefits that appeal to young people. The forum was well attended and helped promote the Leo Club Program across Latin America.

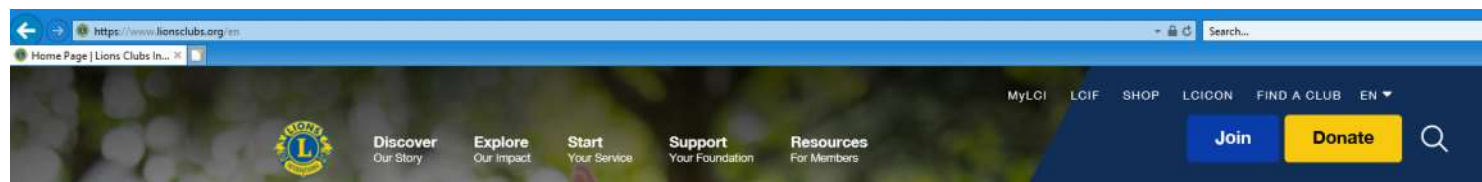
## **Next Lion steps**

My first few months on the Lions International Board of Directors was truly a unique experience. In the months to come, I look forward to continuing the dialogue with Leos and Young Lions, attending upcoming board

meetings and Leo area forums, and getting back to serving my local community. Thank you to International President Gudrun Yngvadottir and her husband, Past International Director Jon Thorsteinsson for being so welcoming to Eleonora and me on the board of directors. I am also thankful to my fellow board members, Lions International staff, Leo forum organizers and Leos for their gracious help and support.



Let's not be afraid to push our boundaries and sail into uncharted waters. We must—and we will—change to be more inclusive of Leos, young Lions and young prospective members within our organization. Young people are leading the positive change that impacts their local communities. So, let's start new Leo and Lions clubs, welcome Leos transitioning to membership into our clubs, and continue to foster the spirit of "We Serve." Because where there's a need, there's a Lion and a Leo!



## Website 101: Exploring the Service Journey

Taylor Birkey

By now, you've probably heard about the Service Journey, a new way Lions Clubs International is thinking about service. Lions have been serving their communities faithfully for more than 100 years—so what is it about our service that has stood the test of time? In a world of increasing need, can we increase our service to keep up? And can we do it even better?

The Service Journey is the way we're addressing these questions—and, hopefully, answering them. To better understand the Service Journey and how it can support your vision and passion to make a difference, lionsclubs.org is a great place to get started.

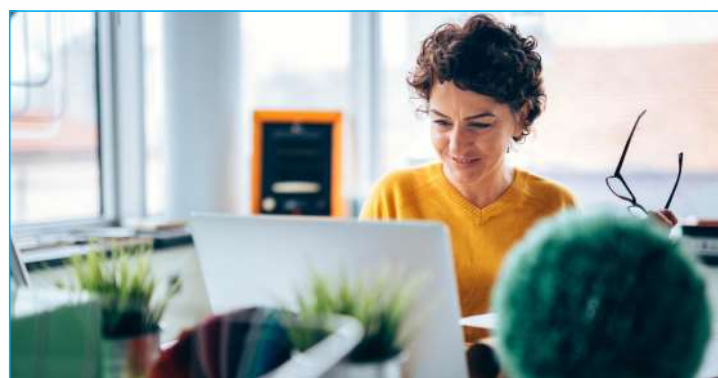
The Service Journey webpage on lionsclubs.org provides a high-level overview of what the journey is all about, focusing on four distinct phases: Learn, Discover, Act and Celebrate.

### Learn

As a Lion, you're constantly learning—increasing your understanding of your community, your world, and the needs that face them. Deepen your awareness of these critical challenges by exploring our five global causes: diabetes, vision, hunger, the environment, and childhood cancer.

### Discover

Everyday experience tells us that learning inspires



creative thinking. We're constantly looking for ways to apply what we've learned to our own context. Clubs looking to inspire and expand their impact with new insight can click through to the Service Toolkit, a collection of five resources designed to help clubs assess, position and spring into action. From the Club & Community Needs Assessment to the Developing Local Partnerships guide, the toolkit is a great way to take your exciting next step in the journey of service.

### Act

Lions and Leos are people of action—it's what our organization is known for. Once we've understood a challenge and discovered ways to overcome it, we're ready to do something about it. If that describes you and your club, then be sure to check out the Service Launchpad, an interactive tool that will connect you with planning resources to help you serve the causes you care about. After asking you a few questions, the launchpad will show you an array of Service Project Planners that meet your criteria.



## Celebrate

We take joy in service. Celebration has always been a value of our organization's journey through the decades, and we have no intention of stopping. Serving humanity in more than 200 countries, we take pride in the unique expressions of kindness found in each member and club around the world. It's because of this rich diversity that we share our stories and report our impact—to build unity, inspire

our communities and show the world how we're making a difference. Click through to read our service stories when you visit the Service Journey page.

Remember, there are tons of ways you can get to know the Service Journey and explore how it might fit into your own expression of service. The Service Journey page is a fantastic place to get started.

# Website 101: How to Donate to Your Foundation on lionsclubs.org

Hristina Jakimoska

With the Lions' newly designed website, it is much easier now for Lions to donate to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Every gift to Campaign 100 helps LCIF reach its goal of US\$300 million.

We have embarked upon our most ambitious capital campaign ever: Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service, with the goal of providing more help and hope than ever before. This is your opportunity to be part of an amazing effort to benefit this generation and generations to come.

When you visit lionsclubs.org, you will see on the top right corner the yellow "Donate" button. Clicking "Donate" will take you directly to the donations page where you will have five simple steps to complete.

First, decide which fund you would like to donate to: Empowering Service Fund or Disaster Relief Fund.

The Empowering Service Fund helps Lions increase impact on vision, disaster relief, youth and humanitarian causes while expanding our reach through Lions' new global causes: childhood cancer, hunger and the environment. Lions are among the first to offer aid when disaster strikes. The Disaster Relief Fund supports these efforts with financial assistance.

Next, select the amount and frequency with which you would like to donate. You can make a one-time or reoccurring gift.

Your third step is to choose a donor, whether it is you or someone else. You also have the option of remaining anonymous.

Is this gift to recognize someone? The drop-down provides recognition options from which you can choose and the ability to fill out more information.

In step 5, select a credit card or PayPal as payment. Finally, click the "Submit" button. Your payment will be processed, and you will be taken to a "Thank you" page.

Future generations need your help! Please visit the [LCIF.org/donate](https://LCIF.org/donate) and make an impact on someone's life today!



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We want to thank the District Chairpersons and Clubs that took part in this Newsletter.

It is very important to keep an active, informed and growing District. Without the newsletter—think of all the information that would be lost and how many members we may lose without keeping them informed.

To all those that did not submit an article at this time—please consider it in the next coming issue.

To help us Publish a monthly Newsletter for all activities, we would like each club in the district to send us a copy of your article each month.

When you send us your article, you make our job a lot easier. We will be able to share all the wonderful things your clubs are doing, so thank you.

Keep up the great work that you and your clubs do for your community and beyond.

We hope that these few hints have helped you and if you still have questions, please feel free to contact us.

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**Lions Clubs International**

**Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world.**  
We have more than 1.45 million members in more than 46,000 clubs worldwide.

### **Where there's a need, there's a Lion.**

We're men and women serving in more than 200 countries and geographic areas.

### **Lions serve.**

Our motto is "We Serve." Founded in 1917, we are best known for saving sight, but we also feed the hungry, aid seniors and the disabled, care for the environment and so much more. Lions are a global service network of volunteers that make a difference in their local communities.

### **Lions give sight.**

By conducting vision screenings, equipping hospitals and clinics, distributing medicine and raising awareness of eye disease, Lions work toward the goal of providing vision for all.

Through the support of the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions have helped provide more than 153 million treatments for river blindness and 72 million doses of a sight-saving trachoma medication through the Sight First program alongside our partners. Lions and LCIF have also helped provide vision screenings for more than 22 million children through the Sight for Kids partnership program.

### **Lions serve youth.**

Our community projects often support children and local schools through scholarships, recreation and mentoring.