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Lions Clubs Convene through Virtual AGM



The Lions District 413 Zambia held its first ever virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) using the Zoom Platform.

COVID-19 had disrupted the Convention which was scheduled for the 7th - 10th May, 2020 at Protea Hotel, Ndola, thereafter the District Governor Engr. Sanjay S Balid, Mjif convened a virtual Zoom Meeting on the 16th May, 2020.

Participation, critical issues, and engaged presentations were some of the few issues or many elements that had to be ensured.

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June 5, 2020 World Environment Month

The earth sustains human life. We've seen how our stewardship of natural resources can improve quality of life and increase engagement in our local communities. Our environment is more than a background: it's our home. And we're committed to caring for it.



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S ATTENDED ACTIVITIES IN 11 MONTHS



DISTRICT 413 COMPLETED SERVICE ACTIVITIES AS AT 15 MAY, 2020

Metrics

Club Search

NDOLA KANSENSHI **District 413** Africa All LCI

7/2019 - 6/2020 Reset

District 413

56,304
People Served

295
Service Activities Completed

18,115
Volunteer Hours

\$114,119
Funds Donated

Number of People Served reflects a 3,000 cap per service activity

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

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 **“THROUGH DIVERSITY”** 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.

DIVERSITY BRIDGES ALL DIVIDES - Hard work. The importance of giving your all with consistency, vision and passion. Never allowing someone in crisis to go unserved. These are the values passed on by a loving mother to her son—103rd International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi.

THE MANY WAYS WE SERVE - This Year's Global Priorities

1. SPECIALTY CLUBS
2. MEMBERS OF ALL AGES
3. GLOBAL CAUSES
4. SERVICE JOURNEY
5. SUPPORTING OUR FOUNDATION

District Governor's Theme –

“WE SERVE WITH PASSION”

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

PASSION – Our Service shall always be strong and barely controllable emotions.

*Lion Eng. Sanjay S Balid
District 413 Governor – 2019-2020*



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OUR DISTRICT VISION FOR 2019/2020

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



The Emergency grant of \$10,000 from LCIF

District 413 - Zambia - May 30, May

In Photo (Right) - Handover ceremony of donated relief items for flood victims in Chembe District Luapula province by Lions Clubs International District 413 Zambia with the District Governor Lion Sanjay Balid, Mj, 1st Vice District Governor Lion Emmannel Kangwa, Region 2 Chairperson Lion Sree, and Lion Nicholas.

During the Ceremony Honorable Lion Sebastian Kopulande welcomed the Luapula Province Minister Honorable Nickson Chilangwa to officiate the Event.



Donation of Coronavirus Face masks: Lions Club of Kasama

Lions Club of Mansa - May 1, 2020

Kasama Lions Club Donated number of preventive and reusable Face Masks to Chikuku Orphanage in Kasama District.

The Club took an opportunity to educate and sensitize the Corona Pandemic to over 90 Children at the orphanage to prevent the spread of the virus and maintaining social distance.



Kafubu Donates 280 Bags of Mealie Meal

Lions Club of Kafubu - May 12, 2020

Lions Club of Kafubu in partnership with Neelkanth Group of Companies donated 280 x 10kg bags of mealie meal worth K21, 000 to Arthur Davis Children's Hospital, Mitanda home for the aged and St. Anthony orphanage in Ndola, Zambia.



Ibex Visits Home of Happiness In Foxdale

Lions Club of Ibex - May 15, 2020

Lions club of Ibex donated Face Masks and various items to Home of Happiness in Foxdale, Lusaka worth K6, 150.00.



Lions Join Covid - 19 Fight

By Aaron Chiyanzo

Lions Club District 413 has donated personal protective equipment, face masks, face shield, protective gloves and other materials all worth over K100, 000 to the National Task Force for the fight against Covid - 19.

They made the donation at the daily briefing session by the Minister of Health, Dr. Chitalu Chilufya at the Ministry headquarters in Lusaka. The donation comprised of personal protective equipment for frontline personnel in this activity. It comprised face masks, face shield, protective gloves, hand wash and hand sanitizers.

Lions District 41-Zambia is the apex national organization of the Lions Clubs in the country and is organized under the auspices of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

District Governor, Lion Sanjay Balid said the Covid - 19 pandemic was of particular interest to Lions because it affected mostly the underprivileged in society which was the focus group.

Lion Balid said the District was concerned over the spread of the pandemic worldwide and hence partnering with National authorities in efforts to fight the pandemic in all countries in which it was found as it had always done with various calamities and disasters.

He said worldwide, Lions Club International had already disbursed over USD2, 000, 000 for activities in areas and regions affected by the disease.

Lion Balid said District 413 was in the process of applying for assistance to Zambia to combat the situation.

He said in the recent past, they had worked with the Ministry of Health in the Rubella and Measles awareness and prevention activities.

Lion Balid said District 413 started its contribution to Covid-19 control at the inception of control activities.

"So far, face masks and other materials aimed at vulnerable people and communities have been distributed to various communities in different towns on the Copperbelt, Lusaka and other provinces and towns. It is in this spirit that District 413 has prepared a donation to the National Task Force of Various personal protective equipment for use by our frontline medical personnel." he said.

The Lions Club I represented all over the world in over 260 countries with a membership of about 1, 400, 000 members.



NDOLA SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS



Lions Club International

Helen Keller

Born in Tuscumbia, Alabama, USA, in 1880, Helen Keller developed a fever at 18 months of age that left her blind and deaf.

With the help of an exceptional teacher, Anne Mansfield Sullivan of the Perkins School for the Blind, Helen Keller learned sign language and braille. A few years later, she learned to speak. As an adult she became a tireless advocate for people with disabilities. And in 1925, she attended the Lions Clubs International Convention and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."

The Lions accepted her challenge and our work ever since has included sight programs aimed at preventable blindness.

Helen Keller Day - In 1971, the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International declared that June 1 would be remembered as Helen Keller Day. Lions around the world implement sight-related service projects on Helen Keller Day.

Helen Keller's Speech at 1925 International Convention - Cedar Point, Ohio, USA June 30, 1925 - **Transcript**

Dear Lions and Ladies:

I suppose you have heard the legend that represents opportunity as a capricious lady, who knocks at every door but once, and if the door isn't opened quickly, she passes on, never to return. And that is as it should be. Lovely, desirable ladies won't wait. You have to go out and grab 'em.

I am your opportunity. I am knocking at your door. I want to be adopted. The legend doesn't say what you are to do when several beautiful opportunities present themselves at the same door. I guess you have to choose the one you love best. I hope you will adopt me. I am the youngest here, and what I offer you is full of splendid opportunities for service.

The American Foundation for the Blind is only four years old. It grew out of the imperative needs of the blind, and was called into existence by the sightless themselves. It is national and international in scope and in importance. It represents the best and most enlightened thought on our subject that has been reached so far. Its object is to make the lives of the blind more worthwhile everywhere by increasing their economic value and giving them the joy of normal activity.



Try to imagine how you would feel if you were suddenly stricken blind today. Picture yourself stumbling and groping at noonday as in the night; your work, your independence, gone. In that dark world wouldn't you be glad if a friend took you by the hand and said, "Come with me and I will teach you how to do some of the things you used to do when you could see?" That is just the kind of friend the American Foundation is going to be to all the blind in this country if seeing people will give it the support it must have.

You have heard how through a little word dropped from the fingers of another, a ray of light from another soul touched the darkness of my mind and I found myself, found the world, found God. It is because my teacher learned about me and broke through the dark, silent imprisonment which held me that I am able to work for myself and for others. It is the caring we want more than money. The gift without the sympathy and interest of the giver is empty. If you care, if we can make the people of this great country care, the blind will indeed triumph over blindness.

The opportunity I bring to you, Lions, is this: To foster and sponsor the work of the American Foundation for the Blind. Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?

I thank you.



Helen Keller

Easter Baskets for Essential Businesses

Lion Darani Pyers - May 07, 2020

The members of the Crowfields Leo Club in Queensland, Australia were extremely disappointed when planned service projects for the year began to get cancelled due to public safety warnings about the coronavirus (COVID-19). But we decided that we wanted to give back and make a difference in our community anyway as best we could given the global health crisis.

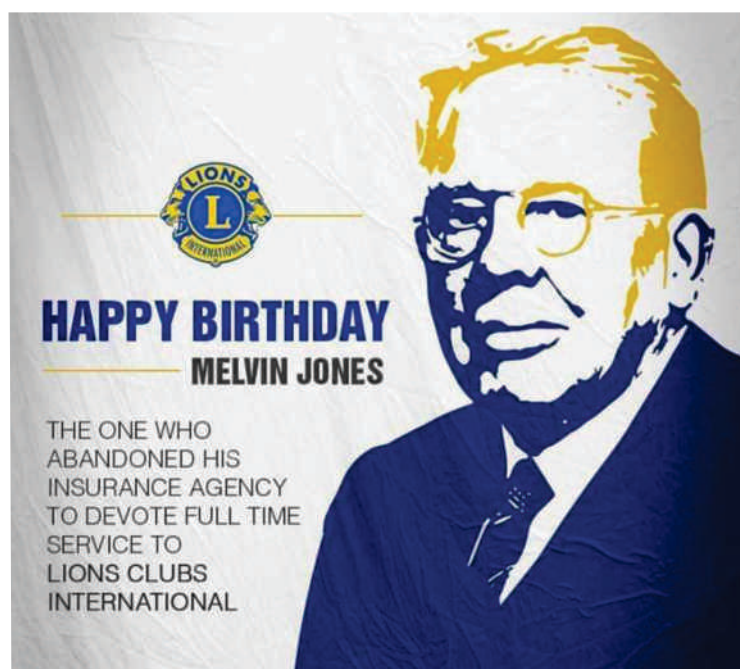
"We wanted to give back and make a difference in our community."

So, after a quick set up of monthly meetings on Zoom and continued communications through Discord, we decided it was the perfect opportunity to share our love and the spirit of Easter with the brave people running the essential businesses that remained open in our community.

Our target group was small, local businesses and a COVID-19 testing and fever clinic in Toowoomba, specifically to shop owners and clinic staff who were on the frontlines and who had been facing the fears and frustrations of the community. It was a group effort, with two Leos designing beautiful gift cards and two looking at treat prices, and Lions donating bags used for another project. We took great care in observing all the required health guidelines, and one Leo family took charge of purchasing the equipment, divvying up the goods, then distributing these items personally to the businesses observing all health and safety precautions.



The response was beautiful. All of the business owners were so shocked, humbled and thankful for the unexpected goodwill. Many of them expressed their appreciation face to face and on Facebook. The staff at the fever clinic sent us a thank-you letter via email. It was such a lovely feeling to be able to give back to our community members and make a difference in our own small way in such a challenging time.



Virtual Community Highlight: Wokingham Lions Club

Jacqui MacKenzie - May 04, 2020

Our Virtual Community Highlights recognize Lions who are using digital tools to connect and serve. Lion Ian Grange has been the social media lead for his Lions club in Wokingham, United Kingdom, for three years. He answered some questions about how his club uses digital tools to raise money for its community.

Q. What digital tools do you use to connect your club and/or your community? How do you use them? (This can range from teleconferencing tools to social media to messaging apps.)

A. As our fundraising events have all been stopped by the coronavirus outbreak, we have been looking to fill that gap, plus we wanted to raise funds for, and awareness of, local groups supporting those impacted by coronavirus in our community. We run quizzes once or twice a year to raise funds, so the idea was born to run virtual quizzes once a week using Facebook Live Video. Anyone can join in the quiz for free but we ask for donations at the end. The first quiz raised over £330 (about US\$410) with more than 200 teams taking part, and more than 1,400 people having watched the video so far. Although aimed at local residents, attendees came from as far as Singapore and Scotland.

Here is how we did it:

We created a Facebook event (see example here) with all the event details.

Then we posted a short description of the event along with the URL of the event into all the local community Facebook groups we could find, plus, of course, on our own club's Facebook page. It's most important to include the event URL that encourages people to say if they are "Going" or "Interested" in the event when they see the post. Facebook will then remind anyone who responded when the date of the quiz arrives. You can also post reminders into the event encouraging people to challenge their friends, neighbours, family, etc. to join in by sharing the event.



We also shared the event URL on our Twitter and Instagram accounts.

The creation of the questions for the quiz has become a club activity. All of our members have been invited to contribute rounds of questions that can be used. Note that pictures can be used but any copyright music may not be able to be shared via Facebook Live Video due to copyright restrictions, so "name the song" rounds are out unless you just get participants to guess the song based on spoken lyrics.

Facebook Live Video is then used to broadcast the quiz at the appointed time. To use Facebook Live Video, you will need a strong internet connection and a device with a camera and decent microphone. A laptop will probably give better results than a phone or a tablet.



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Who are Lions?



Lions Clubs International

Lions are:

- Ordinary people who belong to one of the world's largest service organisations
- Dedicated to the welfare of others less fortunate
- People who give their time freely to serve others

They work to:

- Serve local, national and international communities
- Improve environments
- Provide help in disasters
- Support vision and health screenings
- Award scholarships
- Encourage youth

Lions Clubs International is an international network of almost 1.4 million Men and Women. There are over 45,000 Clubs in 206 Countries.



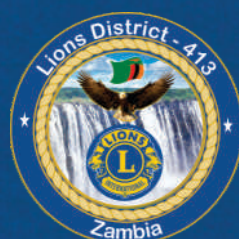
As a member you become aware of the needs of your local community and beyond. Being a Lion allows you to help others in a way that no one person could do on their own. Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.

A few hours a month, multiplied around the world, makes a big difference in all communities. Making a Difference, Lions Clubs work together to help others.

**Lions members working together
bring you these Signature Projects.**



Lions Clubs International



What if Lions could...



...**give** kids the strength to resist drugs and alcohol, and make good choices?

...**help** children develop positive skills?

...**bring** parents and communities together to support education?

...**help** children develop the skills necessary to succeed in the 21st Century?

...**prepare** the next generation of volunteers?

We can,

and we are doing it every day in communities like yours – and in 80 countries around the world – through Lions Quest and Lions Clubs International Foundation.



A Program of Lions
Clubs International
Foundation

Learn more by visiting www.lions-quest.org
or email info@lions-quest.org.

Thank You

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 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.



Lions Clubs International