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# Governor's End of Year Message

My Dear Leader- Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to thank you all for your support you gave me during this Lion's Service year, I enjoyed my interactions with most of you, we have achieved some goal and feel short of some but we have managed to take on the affairs of the district. You all have shown tremendous will power and worked with true zeal to achieve the best. Glad for arranging and participating in RLLI, Zone meetings, Regional Leadership training's, Service activities, and Cabinet meetings, also 277 delegates at our 1st Africa Forum.

During this year we have faced great challenges of Covid-19 pandemic, but our innovative approach and enthusiasm we have done magnificently well. As we know that from 1st July reporting service activity on MyLCI disconnected and moved to report on MyLion. I am proud to announce that all clubs in our district reported service activities, meaning we have recorded 100% reporting on MyLion, thank you all for your commitment, I appreciate you all.

I have to appreciate your hard work and commitments by awarding you, because of Covid-19 situation awards have not arrived yet from abroad and hopefully will have them soon for you.

Once again thank you for your support

Yours in Lionism

Engr. Sanjay Balid
District Governor - 2019-2020
Service with Passion

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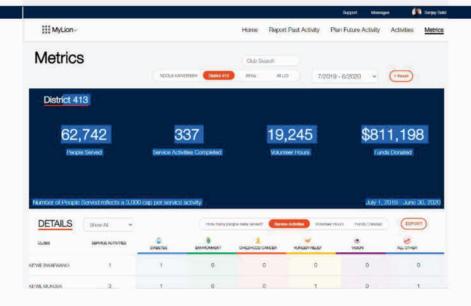
### **July, Kindness Matters Service Award**

This prestigious award is given annually to a handful of Lions and Leo clubs for performing an outstanding service project in one of our global cause areas. Nominated at the club level, the Kindness Matters Service Award is a challenge for Lions and Leos to develop exceptionally innovative and creative service projects with the aim of leaving a positive impact in their communities.



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Engr. Sanjay Balid District Governor 2019-2020D-413, Zambia SERVICE YEAR
2019-2020
DISTRICT
GOVERNOR
ENGR. SANJAY
BALID
ATTENDED 127
ACTIVITIES IN
PERSON, WITH
AVERAGE MORE
THAN 2
ACTIVITIES PER
WEEK.



THE METRICS FOR DISTRICT'S ACTIVITIES, SERVICE YEAR 2019-2020 AS LCI DISCONTINUED REPORTING ACTIVITIES THROUGH MYLCI AND STARTED USING MYLION PLATFORM. WE DISTRICT HAPPY TO REPORT THAT ALL CLUBS IN OUR DISTRICT REPORTED ACTIVITIES USING MY MYLION THAT STANDS AS 100% CLUBS ARE USING MYLION APP.

### **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*



District 413 Governor – 2019-2020

### 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"









# Lions help out Kansenshi Correctional inmates

District 413 - Zambia - June, 13

The Lions Club, District 413 has donated various items to Kansenshi Correctional facility in Ndola to help inmates stay safe from Covid-19 pandemic which as continued to pose danger to humanity worldwide.

Lions Club District 413, Governor Sanjay Balid said with a membership of 1, 400 in the country, they would always strive to serve the less privileged members of the society through various inteventions. He was speaking at the handover ceremony which was also attended by Ndola Central Member of Parliament and Sports Ministry Emmanuel Mulenga. Among the items that were donated were bags of meali meal, methylated spirit, face masks and chlorine for treating drinking water all valued at K27, 000.

"We happy to be here on behalf of members of the Lions clubs in district 413, Zambia to come and handover to inmates of this facility a donation to assist in making their stay here a little bit more bearable," Mr Balid said.



He said the club decided to make the donation after the plight of the inmates at the facility was brought to the attention by management through the office of the officer in charge.

Lion Sanjay said Lions Club District 413 Zambia which consist of 54 Clubs with membership of close to 1,400 countrywide had continued to serve the vulnerable with focus on sight preservation and working with the blind, pediatric cancer awareness, diabetes awareness, environment, eradication of hunger and health services.

# Cabinet Installation Committee Deliver Donation

District 413 - Zambia - June, 30

#### Dear Lion Leaders,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the school for Visually Impaired received School Levy for the year 2019 - 2020 along with some other donations from our district.

Today the Installation Committee for District 413 donated a Deep Freezer and other items to the School valued around K11, 000.

Also the school children were provided with a meal.

As I end my term let me take this opportunity to thank out going District Governor Sanjay Balid and his committee for this generosity.

DCC Lion Ramesh Sood





# Kansenshi Club Officers Installation

Kansenshi Lions Club - June, 27

District Governor Eng. Sanjay Balid Installed Kansenshi Lions Club President and Board.

The Guest of honour, Mr. Terry Changwe was honored to be part of the event and assisted Governor Sanjay for drawings and all details for Ndola School project, he was very happy to note the



progress the district has made on the school project.

# Lions hand over class room block

District 413 - Zambia - July, 9

The Lions Clubs in Zambia has handed over a 1 x 3 classroom block and two dormitories at a school for the visually impaired in Ndola built at a cost of K2.4 million.

Immediate Past District Governor, Engineer, Sanjay Balid said the Ndola school for the visually impaired was built in the early 1970s with funds from the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), a charity fund organization based in the USA and handed over to Government.

Eng. Balid said at the official handover of the school in Ndola on the 9th July, 2020 that the Lions has since then continued to render assistance and improvement.

He said \$75, 000 (k1.4 million) which was spent on the classroom block came from LCIF while \$60, 022 was raised as local matching grant, with the main contribution coming from Lions Clubs of Kitwe, Nkana, Ndola and Kansenshi and District 105M from UK.

"On 29th Sep, 2019 the foundation stone was laid by LCIF chairperson Gudrun and Project Committee and this project was to be completed within six months but the Covid-19 situation interrupted," Lion Balid Said.











# Highlights of the Year Ended

District 413 - Zambia



This was on the 9th June, 2019 in Milan at the First Anniversary of Constitutional Area -8.



Governor Sanjay had found time to attend the virtual Multiple District MD 3232 on the 7th June, 2020 from Gujarat State India.



Sweet memories!!! 6th July, 2019 at LCI International Convention Parade in Milan.

Thank you to all that took part of this!!







GAT Constitutional Area Leader for Africa PID Dr. Manoj Shah has been appointed as the LCIF trustee for a three year term 2020 — 2023.

He will be responsible for oversight and decision-making within the foundation. He will be one of the 21 trustees serving on the LCIF board, representing all constitutional areas. The board of trustees ensures LCIF's financial solvency and organizational integrity. He will play a critical role in the grantmaking process by reviewing and evaluating each project before funding is awarded.

# Braille Bible Donated to a school

District 413 - Zambia - July, 29

Team (KJK TEMBO and PDG Daniel ZYAMBO) handed over Braille Bibles which are written characters represented by patterns of raised dots that can be felt with the fingers by visually impaired to Chipata Lions Club for donation to Magwero School for the visually impaired in Chipata province.



# Friends of Street Children

District 413 - Zambia - June, 21

The District held a donation project at FRIENDS OF STREET CHILDREN Garnaton to handover a few items to assist on the day to day needs. This Project was attended by Lion Jags, Lion Yatin, Lion Jignesh and Lion Rita.



# Lions Clubs International Honors Dr. Lee Gil Ya With Humanitarian Award

Lions Clubs International - June 16, 2020

Award-winning philanthropist, Dr. Lee Gil Ya, will be honored by Lions Clubs International and receive the coveted Lions Clubs International Humanitarian Award. During a ceremony in Seoul, Korea on June 29, 2020, Dr. Lee Gil Ya will accept the Humanitarian Award for her lifelong dedication to medical practice, education, social justice and humanitarian service throughout her country of South Korea.

"If you do not know the joy of volunteering, you do not know even the half of life".

Upon graduating from medical school and starting her own obstetrics and gynecology practice, Dr. Lee Gil Ya noticed that countless people needed medical care but were not receiving proper treatment due to high costs. She began admitting patients who could not afford to pay the deposit that other clinics demanded and offered free uterine cancer examinations to women. To keep her promise to support women's healthcare, she still provides free uterine cancer examinations and so far, more than 130,000 women have received such care.

"Every life is a valuable life, and everyone has a right to life," said Dr. Lee Gil Ya. "Medical services should not be limited to those who can afford it, so I have made it my mission and vision to provide everyone the opportunity to live a healthy life."

In 1958, she founded Gachon University Gil Hospital in Incheon, which has developed into one of the largest hospitals in Korea with more than 1,500 hospital beds. Dr. Lee Gil Ya has expanded her humanitarian work worldwide. She founded the Hansen International Association of Supporters in 1993 and helped patients with Hansen's Disease in Vietnam. She also opened a vocational

### Dr. Lee Gil Ya



school in Vietnam to support families of Vietnam veterans. Her work in Vietnam led to her work helping heart disease patients, and for over 30 years, she has provided free heart surgeries to 432 children from 17 developing countries, including Mongolia, the Philippines and Kazakhstan She also serves as chairperson for the Gachon Gil Foundation.

Dr. Lee Gil Ya is recognized by Lions Clubs International for promoting cultural development, advocating for women's rights to education and healthcare, and providing scholarships to students seeking careers in medicine. She received numerous awards including Orders of Merit and Medals of Honor, which are given by the president of South Korea to people who "rendered distinguished services" to the country.

"I strongly believe that we should strive to make a continuous effort for not only ourselves but for others in need," said Dr. Lee Gil Ya. "Volunteerism should be based on pure motivation to put others first. Respect for the family, neighborhood and human lives is a fundamental foundation of my practice of medicine. Regardless of region, religion or race, medical professionals should reach out with love and a spirit of volunteerism."

Lions International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi will be presenting the award to Dr. Lee Gil Ya. "I am looking forward to presenting this award on behalf of the more than 1.4 million Lions around the world," he said. "Dr. Lee Gil Ya's work is changing lives, just like Lions, and we are proud to support her and her important humanitarian efforts."

She joins a distinguished list of prior recipients, including Mother Teresa, former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and Nobel Peace Prize winner, Dr. Denis Mukwege. Congratulations, Dr. Lee Gil Ya. Your legacy of humanitarian service will carry on for many generations to come.

# Special Lenses Help Students See in Color

Joan Cary - June 15, 2020



Last year, before the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic shut down schools across the country, Southland High School paraprofessional Heather Knutson noticed a sophomore student in biology class using the wrong colors for one of his assignments. She discovered that the student was color blind and couldn't tell which color marker he was using.

Knutson soon learned that he was just one of 11 students in the Minnesota district who struggled with color vision deficiency (CVD), or "color blindness." She was determined to find a way to help them. And she did, with the help of Lions.

She approached the Adams Lions Club with a proposal. Would they be willing to purchase eyeglasses that would help these students see in color?

EnChroma glasses were developed in the early 2000s by a glass scientist and a mathematician to alleviate the most common red-green color blindness.

CVD is caused by an excessive overlap of the red and green "cones" in the eye, creating confusion with colors containing red or green. While those with normal color vision see more than one million hues and shades, those with color blindness see an estimated 2 to 10 percent of colors, resulting in colors that are muted and sometimes indistinguishable, say the experts at California-based EnChroma.

For people with red-green color blindness, reds, greens, and browns can look similar. To them, purple and blue look the same, red looks brown, green and pink look gray; and red and green spotlights can look almost white.

EnChroma glasses contain optical filters that remove wavelengths of light where the red and green cones in the eye of the color blind overlap excessively to enhance the separation between color channels. This helps those with color blindness see colors more vibrantly and clearly.

With the support of the Southland superintendent, who is also color blind, Adams Lions purchased six pairs of EnChroma glasses at US\$269 per pair for color blind students to borrow and wear in school when needed. The company sent an additional four pairs of sunglasses to help students differentiate colors outdoors on bright days.

Knutson is hopeful that these glasses will make a big difference to the students in her district.

Senior Josh Mullenbach knows what it's like to experience CVD and not have people realize his frustration.

"If I went golfing, I couldn't see the tee because it was red," Mullenbach said. "I wouldn't be able to track a deer while out hunting. Hunting in agriculture communities is a huge thing, and it's very difficult to do that when you have trouble seeing red and orange and can't tell blues from purples. Living with it is kind of like seeing in camouflage. The colors just blend together."

Eight-year-old Southland student Derek Steinkamp has been trying to make his rainbows match those of kids with normal color vision since he could first hold a crayon.

Derek's parents first questioned his vision when he was helping his mother in the garden as a toddler and couldn't tell the difference between the green tomatoes and the red ones. By kindergarten, teachers confirmed Derek had color blindness during a vision screening.

Now, deciphering math charts and participating in art class have gotten a lot easier with the EnChroma

eyeglasses donated by Lions. "If he doesn't have the glasses on in art, he has to read the name of the color on the side of the crayon," she says.

Lions clubs in several other states including Michigan, New York, Massachusetts, and Virginia, have also supported the purchase of EnChroma glasses for students or schools.

In Massachusetts, high school senior Cabot Priestner, who received EnChroma glasses from Lions his freshman year, worked with the Westport Lions Club to raise US\$1,525 for the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund, and collected more than 1,000 used eyeglasses for Lions Recycle For Sight program.

"I was saved from seeing a world of dull greys and muted browns," says Priestner. He hopes the money he raised will help researchers with other new discoveries.

### A Dream Achieved

Jamie Weber - June 05, 2020

Ailing from recent health issues, a disappointed Lion John James\* could not attend the Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) fundraising dinner in early March 2020 (before social distancing measures were in place). This event was where fellow Lions were being honored with their own MJF recognition.

"It has the capability to help hundreds, even thousands, of people in need."

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)
Chairperson Gudrun Yngvadottir and Past
International President Barry Palmer were attending
the ceremony to present the plaques and "pin" the
Lions' newly earned MJF pins to their lapels. John
was supposed to receive his MJF recognition that
night but was resigned to having to wait until another
time. Then, he heard a knock on the door.

To understand why that knock was so important, you have to first understand something about John James. A hardworking and dedicated Lion since 1983, John is known to his fellow Lions as a "doer." For starters, he has served as his club's president 10 times. For the past four years, John and his wife Judy have hosted a barbeque every Saturday morning, which raises funds and provides 100 free breakfast sausages to less fortunate members of their community.





However, in the fall of 2019, John suffered from several life altering medical events. He was saddened that he could no longer host the weekly barbeques, much less leave his home. This also meant missing the Melvin Jones Fellowship dinner and fundraiser.

Now back to the knock. Much to John's delight, that knock at the door was from LCIF Chairperson Gudrun and Past International President Barry. They made a personal trip to his home to present him with his MJF plaque, and to officially "pin" him!

According to Judy, John was "over the moon" from the special visit. He even sleeps with his recognition letter under his pillow, a testament to how deeply proud he is to have achieved a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

For those who are unfamiliar, an MJF is an honor that indicates a person has gifted a minimum of US\$1,000 to LCIF. This gift has the capability to help hundreds, even thousands, of people in need. It empowers Lions to serve with deep, long-lasting impact.

Lion John James' friends talk about how deserving he is of this recognition and this special visit. "He's a good Lion," says Past International Director Ian Gration, a friend and current president of John's Lions club. "He is very loyal to any cause he takes on."

\*In memoriam Lion John James 1946-2020

# Virtual Community Highlight: Hawaii Cyber Lions Club

Jacqui MacKenzie - June 02, 2020



Our Virtual Community Highlights recognize Lions who are using digital tools to connect and serve. Chartered in May 2019, the Hawaii Cyber Lions Club is the first Cyber Lions club in District 50, serving the entire state of Hawaii. At the end of their first year as a club, they are proud to have more than 50 members and associate members, including many first-time members, whom they are introducing to the spirit of Lions.

The board of the Hawaii Cyber Lions Club includes President Peggy Oyama, Vice President Christopher Lum Lee, Secretary Loyal Mehrhoff, Membership Chair Shelby Billionaire and Marketing Communications/Service Chair Chris Aguinaldo.

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 a new club, and encouraged by Past District Governor (and Associate Cyber Lion) Robert Lee and District Governor Angie Haramoto, we took to heart "Your Club, Your Way!"

In the beginning, there were emails and phone calls, and we gradually added more communications and collaborative tools along the way, like Google Drive and Calendar, Facebook Pages and Events, Instagram, Slack, Zoom and the MyLion tools.

- Email distributes info (and is used for voting).
- Zoom is for discussion (and also used for voting).
- We love using social media @HawaiiCyberLions to share how "We Serve" the community.

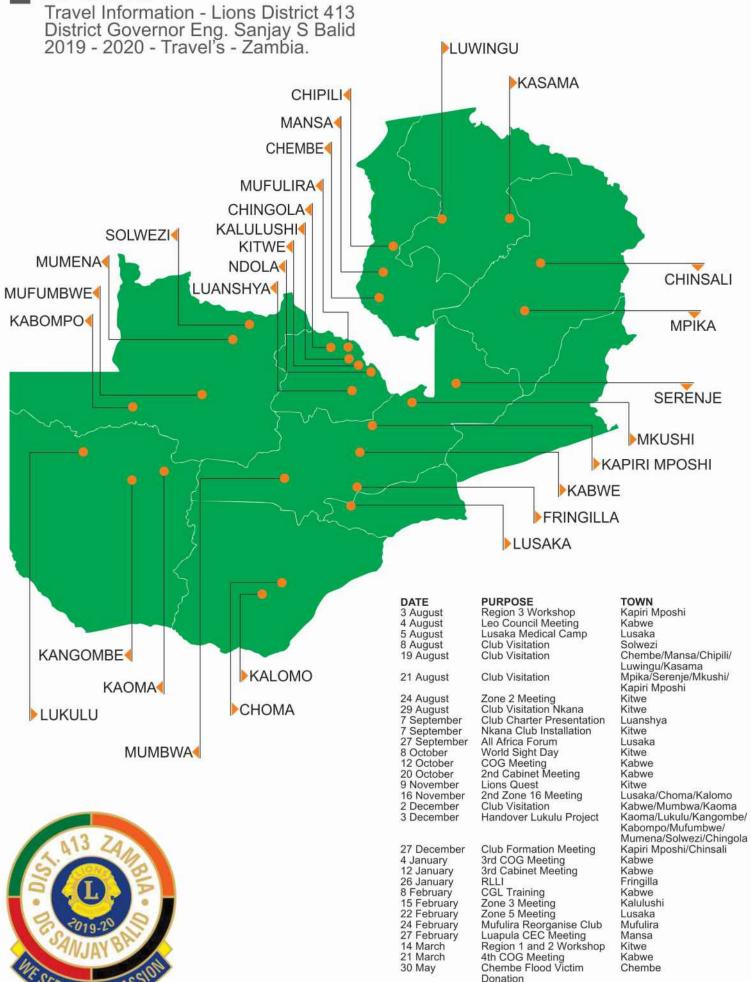
 Slack was an exciting new addition as we launched the Hawaii Lions Hui. "Hui" is Hawaiian for partnership. This group brings Hawaii Lions and other statewide volunteers together to 3D print PPE face visors to donate to medical professionals and first responders. We plan to donate 4,000 face visors to the community. Slack allows the group to share best practices and technical info with each other to best move along the project.



- Q. What specific benefits have you seen from using these digital tools? What benefits have you experienced from hosting virtual meetings?
- A. Digital tools means flexibility in how work gets done. Let's be honest. A Cyber Club still requires a level of administrative work, just like any other club. That coordination helps any club succeed, whether Cyber or traditional. It's a mistake to think going digital automatically solves your club's challenges or issues. You will still need people committed to using digital tools and focused on community service.

Digital tools, especially Zoom meetings, give you the convenience to schedule a meeting when members can participate. So it's our responsibility to our members to use our collective time wisely. Our weekly board meeting, for example, is loosely structured as a "lunch brunch" so we get a chance to take care of our personal lives before jumping on to Zoom to talk. The agenda is emailed ahead of time and we do a good job of sticking to it. But we always leave a bit of time to talk about something in a round table. It doesn't have to be about Lions—it might show what we cooked at home, or sharing about what small business reopened, or even singing to a Lion who recently got married. Being a Lion is also about sharing friendship and a sense of community. Especially on digital, we can't forget that human connection.

### ZAMBIA Travel Information



# 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 1.4 million members in more than 48,000 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.