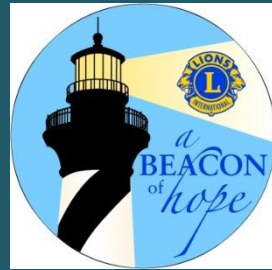




Simply the Best

LIONS CLUB OF TRIANGLE



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From the President...

Greetings Fellow Lions, Lionesses and our marvellous community!

As you are all aware, I was “thrown into the deep end”, where I had to take on the position of Club President one Lionistic year early as a result of Lion Jackie the then 1st Vice who could not take the Presidential seat for 2012-13 Lionistic Year. Though it came unexpectedly to me, it has been advantageous in that it gave me the opportunity to fulfill my desire to serve; time to get to know the position and the responsibilities that come with it, and thus devoted to perform at my best during my term of office 2012/2013.

First and foremost, I would like to express my gratitude to the following Lions;

Lion Andy, Lion Glenn and Lion Ephraim for being my mentors which has brought me to this achieved status. Lion Cossie my sponsor and my Lionistic source of learning. Lion Jim as the president who inducted me. Lion Karl for handing over Lions presidency relay stick. Lion Diana for being such a reliable secretary and records keeper. And all Lions Club of Triangle Lions for their support and hardworking in efforts to sustain Simply the Best Lions Club.

I might not have become president or even become a dedicated Lion if it were not for how you fellow lions moulded me. This is a clear phenomenon that the future lies in the past and the past and the present makes the future.

Lions Club of Triangle is Simply the Best and this confirms that leadership is not about the leader but the club with individual Lions who all have a role to play towards a common goal. How we became Simply the Best is the result of planning, communication and execution. It happened by design, not by accident. It takes many people working together.

As a result we have managed to be extraordinarily busy this year, with many projects and activities being undertaken.

Destitution or disability is a condition which affects any person at any time and generally it is not a matter of choice. At times it may be a short-lived temporary condition whilst at others it may be a

long term condition of destitution nature. Whatever the case any person who falls into destitution is affected mentally and psychologically. In numerous instances the destitution actually causes a person to lose their moral and general hope to life. Lions by serving those who are under privileged we will be truly displaying the concern and solidarity required within the community. They will also result in boosting the mental and physical conditions of the destitutes. There-by helping them to gain confidence in life and feelings or sense of belongingness and recognition.

It is these reasons that Lions Club of Triangle members embrace to serve the community and to take part in all fund raising activities in order to serve mentally, spiritually, financially and physically. Every member has talents and connections it can leverage. The idea is to engage others, to be pro-active, to link to people and groups that further our service as well as spur membership growth. The society is not static, it is dynamic, please do not dwell on how you historically do things. Dream about new ways to provide service, tapping into your clubs talents and its creativity. If other clubs have done it successfully our club can do it too. The only thing holding us back is ourselves. Let's build on the past to create a great future for Lions in our community and worldwide.

It is said a good leader inspires others with confidence in him while a great leader inspires others with confidence in themselves.

On this note I am confident that 2012-13 Lionistic year will progress remarkably elevating `Simply the best' Lions Club to greater heights working as a team rendering humanitarian service with the same vision and mission.

We serve where we live and pass over the spirit of humanitarian service to the next and next generation to change the lives of the under privileged.

Thank you
Andrew J. Musiiwa
PRESIDENT





Murray MacDougall's Grade 7 Outward Bound Leadership Course

18 girls and 15 boys attended a leadership course at Outward Bound, Chimanimani from the 21st to 27th of February.

The 33 students did the team-building course in 3 groups namely Bundi, Chinokwe and Haroni. All these being rivers that flow through scenic Chimanimani.

Apart from learning about the history of Outward Bound and expressing their hopes and fears, the groups had to set themselves their own course objectives. Their activities which started with a daily 0530hrs jog and dip in Tessa's Pool included obstacles such as Jacob's son's ladder, Pamper pole and a Haroni Gorge walk. Rock climbing, zip-wire, raft-building, navigation skills and orienteering were also part of the activities.

Day 5 saw the 3 groups departing for a mountain expedition at 0530hrs. They later ascended Mount Nyangoma before camping and spending the night in the mountains.

It was an awesome experience for the group despite some grazes, bruises and tears.

Lion Lewis Tsododo Youth & Environment

APRIL IS LEO CLUB AWARENESS MONTH

During the month of April, we encourage Lions to promote the Leo Club Program for Leo Club Awareness Month. Sponsoring a Leo club brings new energy to Lions clubs, and provides young people with youth volunteer opportunities that will help them develop strong leadership skills and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Making a difference through social media



Twitter Blanket Drive

Social media has covered some fascinating ground. From its inception and almost supernatural ability to connect long lost friends, colleagues and lovers, to giving people the chance to share everything from their nail polish preferences to their bowel movements, social media has infiltrated each and every corner of our daily lives. But it's not all about bored narcissists sitting at their PC's that make up this virtual universe. Thanks to #TBDZA (Twitter-driven blanket drive), this powerful medium has been used to achieve massive charitable goals in South Africa, and looks to grow even more this year.

It all began three years ago when founder Melanie Minnaar tweeted about her wish to collect blankets for the unfortunate souls on the cold streets. This simple idea gathered momentum at an astonishing rate, on Twitter, and things began to take shape.

In 2010, the collective South African Twitter community managed to pull together 8 different, nationwide events and collect over 500 blankets and a few cash donations. In 2011, the initiative had mushroomed

to include 11 national events, the collection of over 4000 blankets and more than R30 000 in charitable donations! In

2012, even greater success is anticipated. For the first time, #TBDZA has spread beyond SA borders and into Zimbabwe. Lions club of Triangle have started their own Blanket Drive in the Lowveld and hope to be successful in





Daily activities of a Lirhanzo child

We have four guardian mothers and each of them takes care of 10 children. Each house mother is responsible for the children in her house. The house mothers are involved in everything the children do and they give advice and teach the children their chores. They are to



treat the children with love yet teach them discipline and rules. The children learn to respect and love their house mothers.

At Lirhanzo Children's Village the daily

activities start at 6 o'clock in the morning when the children wake up. Their first chore for the day is to sweep the yard (area around the houses) with grass brooms. After sweeping the yard they clean their bedrooms, bath and make their beds. The bigger children will help the younger ones to make their beds. During school the mothers will cook the breakfast, but in the holidays the girls help prepare sour porridge (soft maize meal with lemon) for all at 7 am while the boys are working in the garden. The guardian mothers will be supervising all the children while they are performing their chores. By letting the boys do the same chores as the girls, they are learning to take care of themselves for one day when they are working and living alone. After porridge the children will be in school at Lirhanzo Mission School and the smaller ones will be playing in the play area while the mothers are busy with their tasks.

Tea break starts at 10 am and the Lirhanzo children will run from school, which is only 200m away, to join the smaller children for tea and bread. Then they run back to school. The babies and smaller children will sometimes take a morning sleep. At 12 noon the mothers start to prepare lunch for the children. The children will break from school at 1 pm and eat their lunch. All the children at Lirhanzo have their responsible duties, so the person on duty for the day will then wash the dishes after lunch. Children will also spend their break time playing and talking with their friends.

After lunch the children will go back to school for homework and sports activities. In the first term (January –April) they will be practicing athletics, in the second term

(May – August) they will be playing ball games like soccer and netball, and the last term (September – December) they will be singing choir competitions and drama. One of the activities at school is agriculture. During that activity the children will work in the joint vegetable garden, they will carry water to water the plants in buckets on their heads and do weeding. School ends at 4 pm and then they will go home to Lirhanzo to perform their chores for those who are on duty.

During the holidays, children will be playing, some will be reading and some will be resting in their rooms during the afternoons. At 3:30 the boys will collect the donkeys and put them in front of the donkey cart to go and collect firewood for cooking. The girls will help to start prepare supper. If they cooked rice for lunch, then they will be cooking sadza (maize meal in a stiff form) for supper or they will eat sadza for lunch and supper with either green vegetables as a side dish or protein like small dried fish (Kapenta), meat, sugar beans or soya with a sauce. Supper will be dished up between 6 and 7 pm.

After supper and cleaning up, the children and mothers will meet in the central thatched kitchen for the evening prayer. During this time they will be singing gospel songs and dance. Each child is given a chance to pray for the whole village and for him/herself.

During weekends, the children who are able to do their own washing, do that and iron their own uniforms and clothes. On Sundays they all go to church by donkey cart, which is about three kilometers from the Home. All children and mothers from Lirhanzo attend the same Church which is the Alliance Church in Zimbabwe. We try to give the children of Lirhanzo a chance to experience a normal life where they can experience and learn about everyday life, discipline, respect and love. We want them to be balanced individuals that can look after themselves when they leave the Home.

Ezelle Schimper

Founder of Lirhanzo's Children's Village





Charities & Projects

July 2012 - April 2013

With your support we managed to carry out the following activities and projects;

- A very successful trip to Mutikizizi Old People's Home took place on 15 September 2012. We took donations of food, clothing, sugar, coffee mugs, plastic cups and plates filling three trucks. We also had a braai with the aged people and they applauded the visit.
- We paid hospital bills for two Senior Citizens and one destitute case.
- We paid hospital bills for one destitute case. USD 817.00
- We paid Parerenyatwa Orthopaedic Centre for prosthesis for a child. USD 445.00
- US\$750 was donated to a member of our community who is scheduled to undergo an operation soon.
- Poitjie Cooking Competition was held in July 2012 and raised \$481.00
- Pub Night was held in July playing "60's" music and members dressed in "60's" attire.
- Soccer gala held on 25th August raised \$957.00. This was launched in 2009 as an Annual Event and has raised a total of \$2830.00 since its inception.
- Donated 50 cups and 50 plates to Lions Club of Chiredzi.
- Donated 500 cups and 500 plates to two orphanages in the Bulawayo area.
- Donated one wheel chair to one disabled lady.
- A wheelchair and bath chair was donated to one of the elderly citizens in our community.
- Donated crutches to 3 beneficiaries.
- Donated walking frame to one beneficiary.
- US\$180 was raised through the sale of scrap polyweave bags and plastic cups, plates, etc.

- Scrap Polyweave Bags continue to raise funds for the Club. The latest consignment should raise USD 2400.00
- We managed to make our annual trip to Lirhanzo Children's Home in Chikombedzi. We got the children from Murray MacDougall Primary School involved by asking them to donate clothes and toys to the orphanage. We went with two truckloads of clothes and toys we still continue to collect clothes through the school.
- Donated the clothes to the Zororo Village (Mufakose, Triangle) flood victims. Although these clothes had been meant for Orphanages in the Lowveld, we felt the plight of the victims was direr and needed immediate attention. We intend to identify individual needs of the flood victims that the club can help with.
- The **Mega Mud Fest and Cane Rally** took place on 24 February 2013. The US\$217 raised from this event went into the club's charity account.
- A successful outward bound course was conducted in Chimanimani for a group of 33 grade 7 pupils from Murray MacDougall School.

Lion Andrew Musiwa
President

Under 13/14 Provincial Cricket Tournament

Fourteen boys from the Lowveld: 7 from MMS ; 4 from HVEPS and 3 from Chiredzi Government School, are set to take part in a provincial tournament at Kyle Prep School in Masvingo from the 2nd of April until the 6th of the same month. The boys are to play different formats of the game over the 5 day period.

Lions Club wishes all these boys the best of luck!





10 Funky Facts about Lion Les Grobler

I have a slight case of OCD.

Although I'm in the I.T field, I don't get too excited about gadgets.

I only took an interest in my hubby when I learnt he had worked with crocodiles!!

My biggest fear is a night time POWERCUT..

Being an aunt is my most favorite thing in the world...

Followed by music, photography + camping + outdoors

I usually prefer my own company...

When I am over tired, I end up crying...

After every holiday trip, I make a video of it, and stick it on a DVD..

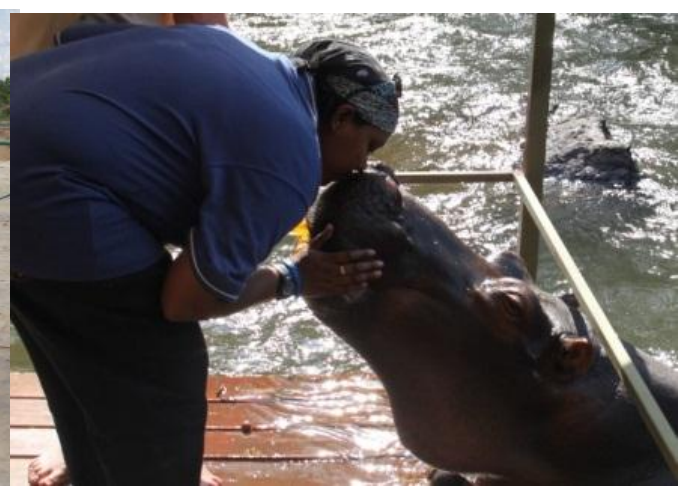
I sleep with 2 pillows.
One to put my head on, and one to hold.
(Chris doesn't like that pillow)



Why I became a Lion...

I remember the Lions club as a little child, my dad was a member and there was always something fun to do at Lions functions.

Everyone needs someone to look out for them, and what better way to do that, than to join up with a group of people who are just as passionate about helping others as I am.





Our Club Joins FACEBOOK

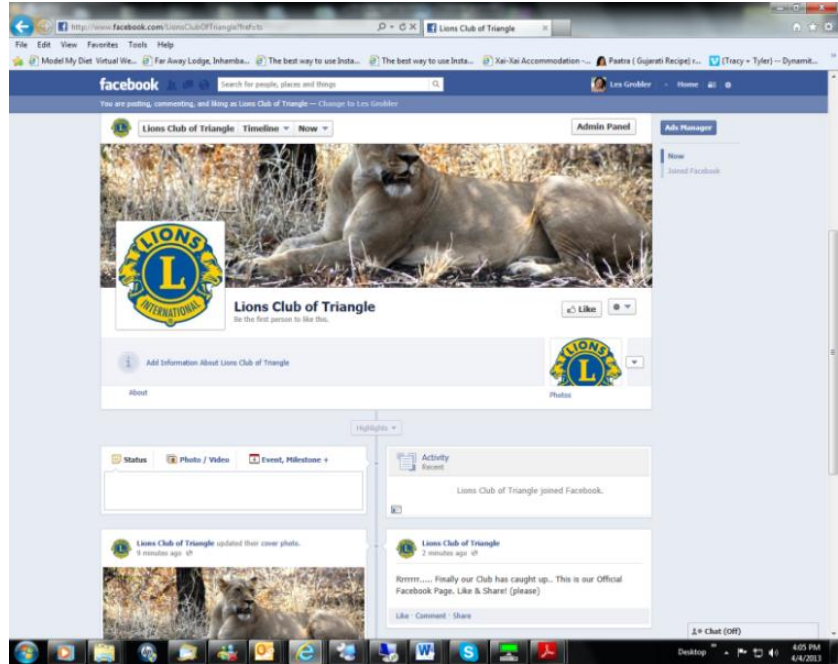
Facebook gives our club a Facelift..

Founded by Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook is a social networking service launched in February 2004. As of September 2012, Facebook has over one billion active users, more than half of whom use Facebook on a mobile device.


Because Facebook is so popular for both individuals as well as organizations, Lions Club of Triangle has now added their own Profile Page, following in the steps of Lions Club International.

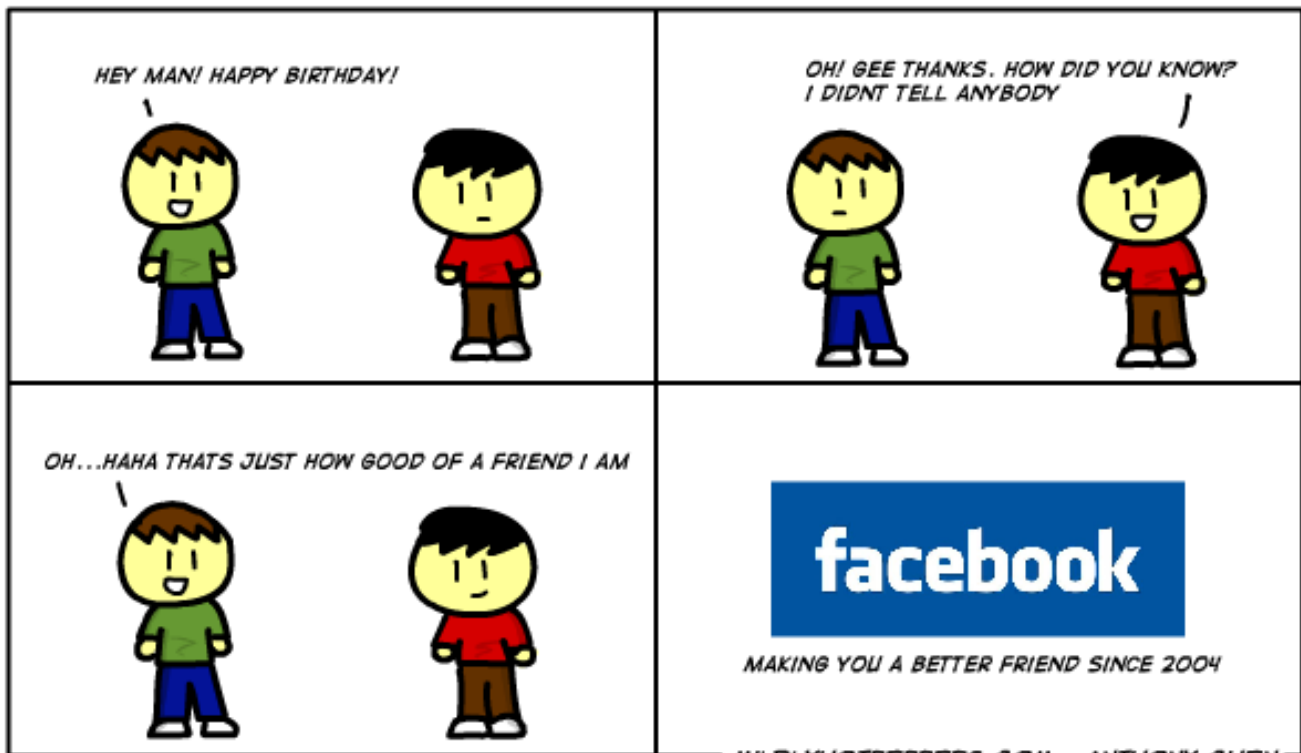
The page will be used for advertising current and future club events, information as well as good old social networking.

Our page was opened on April 4th 2013 and in just 2 days, our profile already has 25 likes! (which means people are paying



attention to us) . The more we advertise on our page, the more attention we receive, and hopefully the more support we'll get.

Let's **FACE IT**, we need it... 





Karate Grading 2013...

Please be advised of our 2013 karate grading. The children performed very well. Herewith results for your newsletter :-

1. Zade Patel - Orange belt stripe 2
2. Kudzai Vhudzijena - Orange belt stripe 1
3. Anesu Makopa - Orange belt stripe 1
4. Nkosi Khumalo - Orange belt stripe 1



5. Thamsanqa Machaya - Yellow belt stripe 2
6. Liyanda Ncube - Yellow belt stripe 1
7. Jaden Forbes - Yellow belt stripe 1
8. Tapiwa Ganga - Yellow belt stripe 1
9. Angela Chinhuru - Yellow belt stripe 1
10. Tariro Mazambani - Yellow belt stripe 1
11. Tinashe Manyonga - Yellow belt stripe 1
12. James Khan - Yellow belt stripe 1



Thank you so much for your continued support.
Oss !

Sensei Monica Peters
2nd Dan Black belt

Mega Mad Mud Fest 2013

This event was held February 24th, and although a poor turn out, we still managed to make a profit.. Only five teams entered, but we had a good time anyway. The kids enjoyed the mud. The adults enjoyed the fellowship and humor of this event. The winners were as follows:

- 1st Place: Chris Grobler & Vickie Soma
 2nd Place: Alistair Gibson & Leon Zerf
 3rd Place: Lana Pinto & Porky Nolan

Although we did not do as well as we hoped, we will continue to run this project every year and hopefully see improvements.

Ways to celebrate Earth Day this month

22 April 2013.

- Pick up litter
- Plant a tree
- Dig a new flower garden
- Use less electricity
- Reducing, reusing and recycling materials
- Conserve Water





LCI – Our History

1917: The Beginning Chicago business leader Melvin Jones asked a simple and world-changing question – what if people put their talents to work improving their communities? Almost 100 years later, Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization, with more than 1.3 million members in more than 45,000 clubs and countless stories of Lions acting on the same simple idea: let's improve our communities.

1920: Going International Just three years after our founding, Lions became international when we established the first club in Canada. Mexico followed in 1927. In the 1950s and 1960s international growth accelerated, with new clubs in Europe, Asia and Africa.

1925: Eradicating Blindness Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA, and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Since then, we have worked tirelessly to aid the blind and visually impaired.

1945: Uniting Nations The ideal of an international organization is exemplified by our enduring relationship with the United Nations. We were one of the first nongovernmental organizations invited to assist in the drafting of the United Nations Charter and have supported the work of the UN ever since.

1957: Organizing Youth Programs In the late 1950s, we created the Leo Program to provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for personal development through volunteering. There are approximately 144,000 Leos and 5,700 Leo clubs in more than 140 countries worldwide.

1968: Establishing Our Foundation Lions Clubs International Foundation assists Lions with global and large-scale local humanitarian projects. Through our Foundation, Lions meet the needs of their local and global communities.

1990: Launching SightFirst Through SightFirst, Lions are restoring sight and preventing blindness on a global scale. Launched in 1990, Lions have raised more than \$346 million for this initiative. SightFirst targets the major causes of blindness: cataract, trachoma, river blindness, childhood blindness, diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma.

Today: Extending Our Reach Lions Clubs International extends our mission of service every day – in local communities, in all corners of the globe. The needs are great and our services broad, including sight, health, youth, elderly, the environment and disaster relief. Our international network has grown to include more than 200 countries and geographic areas.

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Soccer Fundraiser

Getting to know Lion Shelton

And lots more!



Drinker's corner!!

