

DISTRICT 412

PASSION IN SERVICE



APRIL 2015

LIONS DISTRICT 412 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER



The District 412 Leos are joined by PDG Clement Ndala and Leo District Chairperson Lion Sharai Sibanda in the clean-up campaign in Kasungu town, Malawi during their Convention.

We Engage The Youth

‘Service with Passion’
‘Strengthen the Pride’



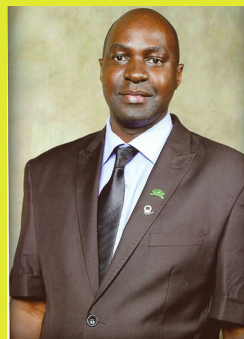
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"...To foster a spirit of understanding amongst the people of the world...."

Editorial Comments



Fellow Lions,

The month of April has come and gone with Lions focusing on engaging the youth and increasing membership. The Leos are potential future Lions and as such we must ensure that we continue to grow and nurture them.

We have two more months to conclude the 2014-15 Lionistic year, are you on course to complete a successful race? There is a lot that we can do in the next two months to finish the year on a high note.

In the month of May, Lion Club International has scheduled a week of service from 16 - 20 May 2015. The focus during this week is to do at least one project to 'Serve The Youth'. What is your Club going to do? Its not too late to plan something now, in this bulletin I have put forward some project ideas for you to consider.

The Leos held a successful Convention in Malawi and have had a great year doing numerous acts of service in our District.

I urge all Club, Zones and Regions to continue sharing their stories and contributing to the Newsletter. Some of our articles will be featuring in the Lions Africa Magazine soon!! Watch the space...

With PASSION, WE SERVE!

Lion Piraishe Mabheka

D412 Newsletter Editor



FROM THE DG's DESK



My Fellow Lions,

April is here now. The month in which, we will be expected to take stock of what we have achieved in the past ten months and give an account of it all at the District's prime gathering....the District convention.

Are you ready? Can you comfortably give an account?

Lion Leaders, can you with confidence tell us that you have achieved what was expected of you in your portfolio. And as a Lion, individually, did you live as one? I will leave these questions to be answered by each one of you individually.

As a District, we will be expected to give an account of how we have performed in the following areas;

a) Membership....how many new Lions did we bring into the fold as individuals or through new clubs. How did we fair on retention?

b) Trainingdid we carry out any training sessions for the old and new Lions? If we did, what is the impact?

c) Club management and administration....how did our clubs perform? Did our Club Leaders live up to it? How did we fair on collection and remittance of Dues; contributions to LCIF? Public relations etc.

d) International Relations.....how did we relate with the world?

e) Service....did we live by our motto? Did we offer needed service to the communities? Are we part of the Global Action Campaign?

f) Youth.... Did we involve our youth in activities? Did we mentor, promote and guide our youth?

Fellow Lions, our prime goal for the year was membership. Some strides were made and continue to be made towards achieving the goal. Let me remind you that April is for Membership Growth. We are being encouraged to dedicate the month to growing our Association. Let us look out for those Service minded people around us, in our work places; in our neighbourhood; in our family. Let us give more people a chance to experience the satisfaction one gets from serving.

It is my belief therefore that you will all be traveling to Bulawayo to be part of our District's Annual Assembly, the 53rd D412 Convention taking place in the City of Kings, Bulawayo. At this Convention just as in many other conventions, we will be joined by Lions from other Districts and Areas. Therefore be sure to be part of the gathering. The Convenor and the whole Convention Committee are waiting for us and are ready to give us a memorable stay in Bulawayo.

I wish you safe travels

Yours in Service

DG Jean



Join Lions Helping Children in Need this May. Children are some of the most vulnerable members of society. This May 16-22, join us for the Lions Worldwide Week of Service, where Lions all over the world will host projects to improve the lives of youth in their communities.

Some Project Ideas to get you started;

1. Help refurbish a children's school room.
2. Donate new equipment for a playground serving children with disabilities.
3. Sponsor a recreational day for children facing physical challenges and other disabilities.
4. Donate school supplies, backpacks or school bags.
5. Provide vision screenings and eyeglasses to schoolchildren.
6. Collect new clothing and shoes for child refugees and orphans.
7. Serve as a tutor for a reading or after-school program.
8. Work with health care professionals to provide free immunizations.
9. Collect teddy bears or safe toys for a children's hospice or hospital.
10. Organize a clean-up project in an impoverished community.
11. Donate food supplements and children's vitamins to a local food bank.
12. Work with dental care providers to provide free checkups for children.
13. Organize a youth exercise program to fight obesity and pre-diabetes.
14. Donate furniture to a children's center or orphanage.
15. Assemble care packages for children who have been displaced by natural disasters.
16. Organize an event on International Children's Day to celebrate the children in your community and promote child welfare around the world.
17. Donate new school uniforms to children in need.
18. Organize a sports and recreation tournament for local youth.

Visit the [Worldwide Week of Service website](#) for project ideas and resources to help share your event with friends and family. And remember, no matter how you choose to serve, use the hashtag #LIONS100 in all your communications. Your club's photos could be featured on the LCI Facebook page!



THE 2015 LEO CONVENTION

On the 11th of April 2015, 16 Leo Clubs from around the District made the trip to Kamuzu Academy in Malawi for the Leo District Convention. The Convention theme was **101% True Service.**

Addressing the Leos at the Convention, the Leo District Chairperson, Lion Sharai Sibanda stresses on the Leos to invite other Leos to attend such meetings and ensure proper mentorship of the new Leos. She also took the opportunity to introduce the traditionally married Leo Wilson and Leo Tatenda whose wedding is on the 10th of August 2015! She encouraged the Leos to learn from these two senior Leos and embark on relations that lead to a better future.

Speaking at the same occasion the Leo District President Leo Tanya Nzvengede started off by congratulating Leo Ireen on initiating the induction ceremony of 60 new Leos in Marondera, Zimbabwe in a period of one month. She encouraged Leos to be encouraged by what they do and to try and lead from wherever they are in the Leo hierarchy. Leo Tanya encouraged Leos to not limit Leoism to what they saw from afar before they entered Leoism. She went on to highlight on the great job that the IPP Leo Pritchard is doing with the preparations for the first ever African Forum which will be graced by Barry Palmer and his team in leadership. This will be held in Victoria Falls Zimbabwe and proposed dates were from the 24th to the 26th of August 2015.

The representatives chosen for the Generation Unified Summit under Special Olympics were announced and these were Leo Chris, Leo Ireen and Leo Tanya.

Other activities carried during the Convention include Clean-up campaign in Kasungu Town which was also attended by the Deputy Mayor of Kasungu and PDG Lion Clement Ndala from Capital City Lions Club. The Leos also took part in the 'Leolympic games' that were being held at Kamuzu Academy later that day. The games kicked off with soccer games which the children together with the Leos enjoyed. The games were closed off by PDG Lion Clement as he remarked that the role being played by Leos regarding the Special Olympics games is strengthening the relations between Special Olympics and the Lions which they appreciate greatly.

The newly elected Leo Leaders for 2015 – 16 will be as follows;

- ⇒ District President 2015-2016- Amanda Moyo
- ⇒ 1st Vice President 2015-2016 – Michael Mhango
- ⇒ 2nd Vice President 2015-2016- Wayne Muwaningwa

In her acceptance speech, Leo Amanda, the Incoming President Leo Amanda announced her theme for 2015 – 16 to the Leos and Lions; **Inspiring generations, laying a solid foundation.** She aims to work collectively with her board to increase membership.



The DG, Lion Jean presents her banner to the Leo District President Leo Tanya



District 412 Leo Power!



Leo Queens!



Leos listen attentively during plenary session



LEO CONVENTION IN PICTURES



Leos Convention Group Photo



Successful Clean-up Campaign



Lets Enjoy Ourselves in service!



Plenary Session in Progress



Left: The mother hen of the Leos



The Leolympics

"Beyond Service - Creating a Better Future"



SUPPORT FOR THE NEEDY

CAPITAL CITY DONATION TO TWO ORPHANAGES



The Lions handover the groceries

The State Vice President of the Republic of Malawi Right Honorable Saulosi Klaus Chilima, on 1st April 2015 made a donation of K1,000,000-00 (US\$ 2,000) to Lions Club of Capital City. The State Vice President made the donation to Lions Club of Capital City for the club to identify two orphanages on Lilongwe where the club would purchase items that the orphanages would be in dire need for at the celebration of the 2015 Easter Holidays.

The State Vice President choose to reach out through the Lions Club of Capital City based on the reputation the Club has gathered over her recent interventions serving the communities.

On giving the donation to the club, the Assistant to Right Honorable Saulosi Klaus Chilima, Mr Moses Kuchingale said that the Vice State President was sure that the Lions Club of Capital would be trusted to deliver to the two orphanages at the most minimum logistical cost as they have displayed the passion to reach out and make a difference in their community.

Speaking on behalf of the Lions Club of Capital City, the First Vice President, Lion Kelvin Mmangisa assured thanked the State Vice President for noticing the services of Lions Club of Capital City to her surrounding communities and assured the office of the State Vice President that the Club will go all the way to deliver as requested.

On 6th April, Easter Monday, the Lions Club of Capital City accompanied by the Representative of the State Vice President made donations of grocery items worth K500,000 (US\$ 1,000) to Adziwa Orphanage in Area 12, Lilongwe City, and another set of grocery items worth K500,000 (US\$ 1,000) to The Village of Hope Orphanage in Area 43, also in Lilongwe City.

The Lions Club of Capital City through Club Vice President Lion Kelvin Mmangisa expressed gratitude to the State Vice President, Right Honorable Saulosi Klaus Chilima for such a timely donation and for trusting Lions Club of Capital City to be the most trusted institution His office could identify to manage the fund.

Receiving the items both the Manager for Adziwa Orphanage and Village of Hope Orphanage expressed gratitude at the donation made by the State Vice President through the Lions Club of Capital City.



The children assemble to receive the Lions



The Lions and Leos pose after a job well done



Lionism as a Past District Governor

Lionism as a Past District Governor is an honor which offers both challenges and opportunities. In this webinar we will explore the characteristics and qualities of a Past District Governor, the unique challenges of Lionism as a Past District Governor, and possible roles a Past District Governor could pursue that are both personally satisfying and that further the mission and goals of LCI.

Intended Audience:

District Governors and Past District Governors

Register for a session:

Friday, 8 May 2015, 7:00pm, CDT

See more at:

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/webinars/leadership-webinars.php#sthash.SIGt5rcE.dpuf>



FLOODS DISASTER RELIEF IN MANGOCHI

They say a friend in need is a friend indeed. That's what the Lions Club of Lilongwe just proved to the people of traditional authority Nankumba in Mangochi, who on Saturday received assorted relief aims from the organization.

The lakeshore district of Mangochi is one of the 15 districts of Malawi that were hit hard by flooding waters at the turn of the year. People in the area like many other affected areas lost their crops, household items and food that included the staple food maize and livestock. There were also reports of people losing loved ones who were swept away by the onrushing water coming from the mountains heading to the lake.



Lions of Lilongwe inspect the damaged infrastructure

The lions were able to see for themselves some of the damage caused by the rainstorms and the accompanying floods: collapsed classrooms and for those that withstood the battering of the rains, had their rooftops blown away so much that most of the surviving classrooms were still rendered unusable because of the stagnated water inside them.

Speaking to the evidently grateful recipients of the donation, the president of Lions Club of Lilongwe, Lion Maina Mkandawire said as a club that is in the business of helping those in need, they had seen it imperative to come and give the people of Mangochi a helping hand in this trying time. She said that her club had chosen Mangochi out of the 15 districts affected by the problem because of the proximity between Mangochi and Lilongwe. She also expressed her sympathy with the affected families. Additionally, she advised the community to plant more trees and replace those that they cut down as one way of holding in check the problem of flooding which is fast becoming an annual occurrence.



Affected families gather to get relief items from the Lions

She also acknowledged the fact that the items that the club had sourced were not as much as they would have wanted, but expressed her hope that they would still help them to alleviate their plight.

In his remarks, a senior traditional chief in the area thanked the Lions Clubs of Mangochi and Lilongwe for the timely donation and suggested that the items received would be shared between two affected families.

In responding to a call for assistance, the Lions Club of Lilongwe donated 70 x 50kg bags of maize meal, 60 blankets, 100 pieces of plastic plates, 500 pieces of soy meat and assorted second hand clothes at a total cost of about MK919, 000. This figure includes transportation costs of the relief items from Lilongwe to Mangochi. Part of the money used to source these items had been received from the **Lions Club of Brussels**.

The Lilongwe Lions Club had targeted 300 flood victims to receive these items.



Lion Regina Mwanza coordinates the distribution of relief items



WE ARE KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND



Lions and Prospective Lions of Gaborone pose for a picture with the kids after the eye screening



Another Lions First Sight Eye Care project accomplished In Gaborone!

35 less privileged children from Humana People to People organization were screened for refractive errors, the leading cause of visual impairment (preventable) on Monday, the 30th of March 2015, at Eye Light Optometrists, Oasis Motel Premises from 1430hrs to 1600hrs.

The children were brought all the way from Molepolole to Tlokweng with the assistance of Bokamoso Hospital transport facility.

It was a wonderful event with more of PROSPECTIVE Lions than the Lions in attendance. Participation at the event was exciting as the children had smiles on their faces after they were screened and informed that none of them required any glasses, besides the drinks and sweets we Lions managed to offer in the last minute.

Thanks to Ann and Keone of Humana for the bouquet of flowers. A special thank you to Immediate Past President Lion Anthony Mathias for his radiant smile and wonderful support for this project. Your motivation has pulled the Prospective Lions magnetically towards getting involved in the Lions activity. Lion Anthony went a further extra step in inviting the Gabs FM (though they could not make it) and also interview by Mmegi after the event for mediating the information to the public.

Lion Thanuya Danicker

SightFirst Coordinator
Gaborone Lions Club



MEMBERSHIP EXTENSIONS



GMT / GLT Club visit to Mozambique

The team comprised of PDG Lion Hastings Chiti (Africa Steering Committee, District 413), PDG Lion Ray Sibanda (Global Membership Team SD412 Coordinator), PDG Lion Dr. Pateson Mapanda (Global Leadership Team SD 412 Coordinator) and Lion David Saunyama (Global Membership Team Leader Mozambique) traveled for a club visit to Mozambique on the 30th of March 2015.

Clubs visited were Beira Corridor, Gondola and a new club extension in Chimoio. The attendance was very encouraging with very enthusiastic Lions, Prospective Lions and Leos all fired up and ready to serve.

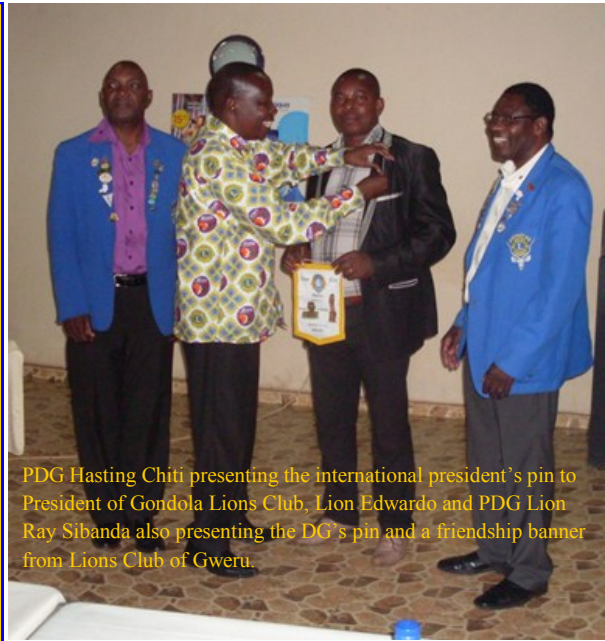
Orientation was done and topics presented included, Lions history, Organization, Activities, Lions obligations, LCI grants and the importance of extension. Participants were given time to ask questions and the audience asked very valid questions.

Four new Lion members were inducted into the Beira Corridor Lions Club and more prospective members will be inducted soon after meeting their obligations. In Chimoio the turn out was very encouraging, the prospective members are ready to make their payments and paper-work will be done once payment is completed.

It is proposed that the club officers orientation and leadership training workshops scheduled for end of June, 2015 should include one in Gondola Mozambique where all clubs in Mozambique including clubs from Zimbabwe in areas such as Rusape, Nyanga and Mutare could meet for training over a weekend. Another GMT/GLT visit is proposed to be around end of September 2015. It is suggested that at least two such visits should be done per Lionistic year to ensure that proper guidance and training is provided.

It is also suggested that once a specialist coordinator for Mozambique is appointed, he or she should visit the clubs quarterly every Lionistic year.

There is potential for new club extension in Beira, Mafambise, Guru and Manica. With adequate funding and support greater opportunities to serve in Mozambique are possible.



PDG Hasting Chiti presenting the international president's pin to President of Gondola Lions Club, Lion Edwardo and PDG Lion Ray Sibanda also presenting the DG's pin and a friendship banner from Lions Club of Gweru.



Prospective Leos of Chimoio and the GMT/GLT team.

“...To encourage service minded people to serve their community without financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors...”



Simply The Best



on Monday 13th April, the Pride of Matopos Lions grew by Two new members namely Alex Rwizi and Rev. Fritz Madida. The induction ceremony was held at their den during club's general meeting. The Ceremony was moving as it included a Candle Service.

The sponsors for the new Lions were Lion Reginald Takundwa and Lion President Ruth van Rensburg. These talented Lions strengthen the pride! Fellow Lions, their Lady Lions and family members enjoyed a social after the ceremony.



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

April 2015

Dear Club President,

On behalf of those who do not have a voice, I am asking for your help. Every hour of every day, Lion members are meeting local community needs. Lions are providing students with glasses, distributing food or basic necessities following a disaster or ensuring measles vaccinations are available for children where no healthcare system currently exists. Every hour of every day, this is happening across the world through service of Lions—and I'm asking you and your club to make a difference.

With three months remaining in the fiscal year, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) may not reach the established annual financial target. The target is based on projected grant requests from Lions for the coming year, leaving community needs unmet and service opportunities unfulfilled. Lions, we cannot let this happen.

I am asking you and your club to **consider making a donation to LCIF** in the next three months. Consider making a gift to the Lions Measles Initiative during the month of April in recognition of World Immunization week. Bridge the gap between the US\$3.8 million raised in 2014-2015 toward our annual commitment of US\$7.5 million. Or consider making an unrestricted gift, allowing LCIF to support worthy Lions community service projects without needing to scale back initiatives due to funding limitations.

Each year, Lions are called upon to do more. LCIF has always been there to support the work of Lions. Your support and that of 46,000 other clubs around the world make that possible. Consider a donation in the next three months and help put LCIF in a position to support the service of Lions. **Will you help a child live?** Help us to help the children.

Sincerely,

Barry J. Palmer
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

WE CARE

WE SERVE

WE ACCOMPLISH



On a Lighter Note

12 CRAZY WAYS OF DUMPING A GIRL

1. 10 missed calls? You killed my battery, so you're capable of killing me... IT'S OVER!!!
2. How come mosquitoes are biting me and not biting you? I smell witchcraft. IT'S OVER!!!
3. You don't even respect me, I'm talking and you are busy breathing? IT'S OVER!!!
4. So now you are drinking coke that has another man's name on it, better go and find him because IT'S OVER!!!
5. So Beyoncé's "Drunk in love" is your caller tune? I can't trust alcoholics with my future kids. IT'S OVER!!!
6. They are shouting chicken pox, you are still cooking chicken. You want to kill me? IT'S OVER!!!
7. I called you and you picked up immediately? You lack patience. IT'S OVER!!!
8. You are always abbreviating your texts, you want our children to be short neh? IT'S OVER!!!
9. I told you I love my food hot but you refused to warm the ice cream. You don't care about my me. IT'S OVER!!!
10. You are using a Nokia 3310 and I'm not even your screen saver. IT'S OVER!!!
11. You don't pay your offerings, if you can cheat on God, then who am I? IT'S OVER!!!
12. Whenever we are walking you hold my hand. Obviously you think I'm blind neh? IT'S OVER!!!

LAUGHTER will always be the best medicine;

SILENCE will always be the best revenge, and

LOVE will always be all you need.



Murphy's Laws which you have not studied in schools:

Law of equality:

The time taken by a wife when she says I'll get ready in 5 min is exactly equal to the time taken by husband when he says 'I'll call you in 5 min!'

Law of Queue:

If you change queues, the one you have left will start to move faster than the one you are in now.

Law of Telephone:

When you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy tone.

Law of Mechanical Repair:

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch.

Law of the Workshop:

Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

Bath Theorem:

When the body is immersed in water, the telephone rings.

Law of Encounters:

The probability of meeting someone you know increases when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of Bio mechanics:

The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Law of Coffee:

As soon as you sit down for a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.