

DISTRICT 412

PASSION IN SERVICE



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LIONS DISTRICT 412 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER



Lion Ethel and Lion Taurai from Triangle Lions Club interact with the kids and Chiredzi Children's home during a hand-over ceremony where their Club donated provisions for the two new infants Miriam and Paul.

WE SERVE THE YOUTH

‘Service with Passion’
‘Strengthen the Pride’

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Fellow Lions, I present to you the August edition of our newsletter. Thank you to those clubs who contributed in this bulletin.

It is vital that in our respective clubs we contribute to the Centennial Celebration. This edition will provide you with some guidelines in this respect. Let's also aim to improve on our PR by learning a few tricks from this month's webinar which centers on how best we could leverage from the social media to promote our various clubs.

The District Website is now up to date, make use of it to get valuable information for your use. The International website is also a useful resource in this regard.

In this month of August let's aim to engage our youth as per our Global Service Action Campaign to ENGAGE THE YOUTH. Invite Leos and youth in your area to help organize and participate in a service project among many other possible youth based initiatives.

With PASSION, WE SERVE!

Lion Piraishe Mabhena
D412 Newsletter Editor



FROM THE DG's DESK



Jean Mathanga
District 412 Governor
2014 - 2015



August, was for us to engage our youth. Did we involve our Leos to participate in planning and executing a service activity? I look forward to seeing more activities in reports from Zones. Remember, the youth draw more people to events and improve club morale, communications and attendance.

Fellow Lions, permit me to make another call to you all to join hands and grow our Membership. We are now going into our third month. Have you invited any person yet to join your Club? How is your Club doing? How is your Zone doing? Be sure to check yourselves against the goals you set up. Lions Clubs don't sell a product, but we have to sell ourselves through visibility and viability. We need to be out there. Let me quote Immediate Past International President, Barry Palmer who once said and I quote *"Sometimes the smartest, most capable people fall behind the pack because of an inability to adapt and be flexible"*. You do not have to be a genius to promote Lionism and/or add members to your club.

Lions, by inviting more community-spirited individuals into our clubs and sharing the ideals and fellowship, there is no limit to that we can achieve. By adding more members, we will also be in a better position of developing and implementing service programs. Growth in membership will permit us to further reach out to people in need. Surely, there are men and women in every community who would welcome an invitation to be a member of the world's largest service organisation. Seek them out and offer them this unequalled chance to enjoy the satisfaction of being involved in voluntary community service.

Maintaining steady membership and club growth will be no easy task. We need to go out and actively recruit new members through personal invitation because prospective Lions certainly won't come knocking at our doors. Club Leaders; Zone Leaders; Regional Leaders and District Leaders, let us work together to identify areas in which to organise new Clubs.

Let us together look at ways of retaining members in our Clubs. Old and New Members need to be given meaningful assignments if they are to remain enthusiastic about their membership and not make the unfortunate decision to drop away. Remember, membership development is the responsibility of every Lion. Ensuring that we reach our objective of reaching our Constitutional Size by March, 2015, requires commitment and involvement from each of us. With Passion in Service, let us go out there and look out for that individual waiting for our call and we will surely achieve our District Goal.

I wish you another successful month, a month full of Service with Passion.



Dear Lion,
Lions Clubs International will celebrate 100 years of service in 2017! I'm inviting you to be part of this special moment in our history by supporting a new global service initiative to celebrate our Centennial.

The Centennial Service Challenge encourages Lions around the world to serve 100 million people by December 2017. Every club can play a part in reaching our goal.

Here's how you can join the Centennial Service Challenge:

- ◆ Host service projects throughout the year that impact Youth, Vision, Hunger or the Environment.
- ◆ Report your service activities through the Service Activity Report on MyLCI.
- ◆ Earn a Centennial Banner Patch with a progressive gemstone design for each year your club participates.

As Lions, we know that a single act of service can change a life. But when 1.35 million members come together to serve, we can change the world.

Learn more about the Centennial Service Challenge online <http://lions100.org/EN/centennial-service-challenge.php> and share it with your club today. Then start planning your next service project to help us meet our goal of serving 100 million people. There's never been a better time to serve than now!

Together in service,
Joe Preston Your International President



The Extension and Membership Division invites you to participate in our free monthly webinars! These webinars provide an opportunity for Lions to learn about various membership programs and discuss membership

topics.

Webinars are conducted in English only. Webinars are recorded and posted on the LCI website. Below is the schedule of upcoming webinars.

Space is limited so register today!

Post, Tweets, Hashtags? Social Media Works!

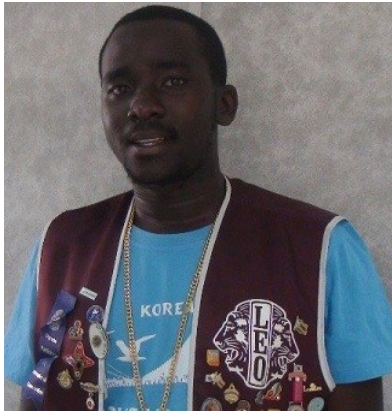
This webinar will showcase easy ways to use social media to promote your club. Find out how other clubs use Facebook and LinkedIn to spread the word and get noticed in their communities.

**Thursday, September 25, 2014
2 p.m. – 3 p.m. (CDT)**

If you have any questions regarding upcoming webinars, please contact Extension and Membership on extensions@lionsclubs.org



AWARDS



World Leo Of the Year 2013-14

District 412 would like to congratulate Leo Takudzwa Charles Zvobgo for being selected the World Leo of the Year 2013 - 2014!

Leo Takudzwa among others has achieved the following in his Leoism career;
 2010-11, Leo District 412, Region 3 chairperson;
 2011-12 Leo District 412 1st V.P;
 2012-13 Leo District President;
 2012-14 International Leo Advisory panelist for Continental Area 7 of Africa.

He is a Law Student at Midlands State University and belongs to Midlands State University Omega Leos Club.



Lion David Saunyama, Zone Chairman for Zone 3A is presented with the Trophy for the Zone Chair of the 1st quarter by the District Governor, Lion Jean Mathanga.

Zone 3A was singled out as the best performing Zone in the first 3 months of the year. This zone is comprised of the following Clubs; Gweru, Zvishavane, Triangle and Chiredzi.

Well done Zone 3A!!!



The DG, Lion Jean, presents her first set of awards to the Clubs that are performing well.

Zone 3A Chairman, Lion David also presented certificates to Cabinet officer who supported him in the reactivation of Chiredzi last year.

Below: The NEW DG TEAM!



Lwendulu Celebrate their Charter

Lions Club of Lwendulu, held their Charter Night celebrations on the 2nd of August 2014.



They started the day by having a march from the town centre. They had some drum majorettes, a marimba band and Zimbabwe Republic Police Women Network to help them with the match. They marched up to the bus terminus where they carried out a Cleanup Campaign, distributed donated clothes to the needy and also gave them some foodstuffs.

Invited guests included the Past Zone Chair and Past President of Lions Club of Lwendulu Gabriel Kilindu who gave a speech on Lionism and his experience during his time. The current Zone Chairperson was also present.

In the evening there was had dinner, music and socializing where we honored our monarchs by handing them long service certificates. Also present in the evening were some Rotarians and officials from National Blood Services Zimbabwe.



Capital City Donate Reading Glasses

As appeared in THE DAILY TIMES in Malawi on Monday, September 1, 2014



MATOPOS CLUB EYES CAMP



The lady who turned 72 years old, on the 14th August, the 4th day of the Eye Camp, before the operation. She was so happy, as her daughter had brought her to have a Happy Birthday, by getting the sight back in her right eye!



The man who had not ever seen his 14 year old grandchild was very excited as he would be able to see her for the first time!



This lady was with her granddaughter who was expecting her first child. They were so glad that she was getting the operation and would be able to see her great grandchild!

The Eye camp ran from the 11– 17 August 2014. About 93 cataract operations were done on the first day. But many more were screened downstairs!

After rigorous screening, the patients, who were successful, were sent up stairs to be operated on, having received drops to dilate their eyes. The nurses would complete the forms. The volunteers', consisting of Lions and Youth and ladies from the Islamic community, had to:

- seat the patients in rows and check the dilation of their eyes,
- apply a drop of medicine, if necessary!
- place a sticky marker above the eye that was to be operated
- encourage patients to eat something if they were diabetic, as it was sometimes awhile!
- move forward to the operating theatre, make room for the new patients
- help them remove outer garments e.g. jerseys, before the operation.
- assist them to the post op room to collect their medication
- take them downstairs to their relatives or to the ward for the night

It was fantastic to see the patients walk into the operating theatre one day and have their sight restored by the next day! Some exciting things happened in the line!

These are a few.....

- A lady celebrated her 72nd birthday in the line so we sang happy birthday to her.
- Another, a grandmother was undergoing the operation as her granddaughter was pregnant and she wanted to baby- sit her great grandchild.
- A man who had not ever seen his 14 year old grandchild was very excited as he would be able to see her for the first time!



LOBATSE SIGHT PROJECT



Distribution of Eyeglasses for students of CHICHI CJSS

Screening of 380 students of Chichi Community Secondary Junior School was done in November 2013. The Lions Club of Lobatse regularly sends scripts to Operation Brightsight where recycled glasses are obtained at a lower cost. Operation Brightsight collects glasses from several countries around the world, removes the lenses sorts, cleans and uses the good frames to prepare new eyeglasses. We are very grateful to Operation Brightsight (a project of the Lions Clubs in South Africa) who helps us out from time to time. The spectacles were distributed by the Minister for Lands and Housing to 34 students who had refractive errors. Hopefully these students will be able to perform better and obtain better grades having improved their vision. We the Lions of Lobatse are always happy to serve the community we live in. — at Molapowabojang Village.



What a satisfying morning it has been!!!! To watch a smile slowly light up as the students found something change as they put on their new glasses. The Lions Club of Lobatse this morning distributed thirty four pairs of prescription eyeglasses to the students of Chichi Community Junior Secondary School. The Honorable Minister for Housing & Lands Mr Peter Siele was present to do the honors. Several of the Club members too were present on the occasion. Hope this gesture will see improvement and better results from the pupils. "WE SERVE"

HARARE CLEANUP CAMPAIGN



On Saturday 2 August 2014 Lions Club of Harare took part in the Norton Clean Up campaign.



DONATIONS TO CHILDREN'S HOME



Lions Club of Triangle (Simply the best) got a donation of \$1000 from OK Zimbabwe, through their Triangle Branch, to help the less privileged in the Triangle community. Touched by the new arrivals at the orphanage; Miriam (3months old) and Paul (5 months old).

The Club decided to use some of the money to buy basic foodstuffs for the babies. Female Lions mobilised the collection of clothing from fellow Lions and the Triangle community with resounding success. Lions also got 70kg of flour from N. Richards and crockery cups and saucers from a local church which were handed over to the orphanage on the same day.

"Simply the best" cherish very much the coordination between them and Chiredzi Lions Club, as seen by the presence of Chiredzi Lions Club at the presentation. The Zone Chair was also present to witness this "Passion in service" activity.

"Simply the best"

Lion President Onismo, Zone Chair Lion David and sponsors from OK Zimbabwe present the donations to a mother from the Children's home



Lion Ethel and Lion Taurai pose for a picture with babies Miriam and Paul after the handover



The Lions of Chiredzi through their partnership with Tongaat Hulett Zimbabwe provided a bus to take the Chiredzi Children's Home pupils to Harare to attend the annual Sports Festival for Orphanages around Zimbabwe. The Lions Club of Chiredzi also donated sports uniforms to the local children's home.

This is an annual event organized by Kutting Edge Sports Consultants for the benefit of children living in orphanages around Zimbabwe.

The orphans from our locality will get the opportunity to join 800 other children in similar circumstances from around Zimbabwe for the 2014 edition which will see two full days wholly dedicated to Athletics and ball games with the last day being a celebration depicted through song, dance and poetry.



Lion President Piratibe addresses the children shortly before their departure.



Triangle and Chiredzi - Reaching out and serving together!!!



LEO CORNER



LEFT:
LD412 President Leo Tanya delivering her presentation on the year's objectives.

The 1st Council meeting was a resounding success, with a total attendance of 130 Leos from 20 clubs in the district. The Leo Club of Nust-Matopos hosted the outstanding, power packed meeting. The event was also attended by the District 413 President, Leo Machi, all the way from Lusaka, Zambia. He brought with him a 3 member delegation. I hope that the two Districts will continue to build upon this flourishing relationship for the betterment of all Leos in Southern Africa and the rest of world!



LEFT: LD413 President Leo Machi addressing club officers.

Leo Machi encouraged all clubs to continue raising the flag of service high in our District, noting that the future of the District lies within every individual.

The Leo District Chairperson, Lion Sharai Sibanda also attended the council meeting and addressed the club officers. She took the officers through an interactive presentation on club administration and effective meeting planning. She expounded on the importance of recognizing District and International Leaders and appreciating the aims and objectives of the Leo Program.

In just a month the Leos have managed, as a district, to visit orphanages, hospitals and old peoples' homes. That is experience. Well done Leos! As usual some clubs stood out from the crowd by taking advantage of opportunities presented to them to make a difference in other people's lives.

The Leos District Team in a reciprocal arrangement also attended the Leo Council Meeting for District 413 in Lusaka, Zambia held on the 23rd of August 2014. A four member delegation namely LDP Leo Tanya, LPS Leo Amanda, LDT Leo Wilson and Leo Dr Tatenda, Director of the Health and Disability Committee made the trip to Zambia.



LEFT: A group photo taken at the District 413 Council Meeting in Lusaka, Zambia.

BEYOND SERVICE;
CREATING A
BETTER FUTURE.



Leo Objectives for the Year 2014-15

- ◆ Every club is to organize "Spotlight on children" service activity
- ◆ Initiate school and community based Blood Donations in light of the blood crisis in Zimbabwe with blood blanks at time going as low as only having a 2 week supply.
- ◆ Tree planting – to aid in 500million trees target by 2020
- ◆ Increase membership and charter at least 8 clubs
- ◆ Set up and Charter at least 4 Omega Clubs

LEO CLUBS DISTRICT 412 CALENDAR

2ND CONCIL MEETING

28 NOV-1 DEC 2014

VENUE: OKAVHANGO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, MAUN, BOTSWANA

REGISTRATION BOOKING FEE- USD 20
DUE 30 OCTOBER 2014

FULL REG FEE TO BE ANNOUNCED BY THE 30TH OF SEPTEMBER

OMEGA CAMP – DATE TO BE ADVISED

DISTRICT OFFICERS WORKSHOP – Oct 2014

CONVENTION 10-13 APRIL 2015

VENUE: LILONGWE, MALAWI

REGISTRATION TO BE ADVISED

As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself and the other for helping others."- *Sam Levinson*



Laughter is the Best Medicine



A small balding man storms into a local bar and demands "Gimme a double of the strongest whiskey you got! I'm so upset I can't even see straight!"

The bartender, noticing that the little man is a bit the worse for wear, pours him a DOUBLE of Southern Comfort.

The man swills down the drink and says, "Gimme another ONE!". The bartender pours the drink, but says "Now, before I give you this, why don't you let off a little steam and tell me WHY you're so upset?"

So the man begins his tale: "Well, I was sitting in the bar next door when this gorgeous blonde slinks in, and actually sits beside ME at the bar. I thought WOW, this has never happened before. You know, it was kind of a fantasy come TRUE. Well, a couple of minutes later I feel this hand moving around in my lap and the blonde leans over, licks my ear, and asks if I'm INTERESTED? I couldn't believe this was happening! I managed to nod my head YES, so she grabs my hand, and starts walking out of the bar. So of course I went with her. This was just too good to be true!"

"She took me down the street here to a nice hotel and up to her room. As soon as she shut the door she slips out of her dress. That was all she was wearing! I tell you it didn't take me much longer to get out of my clothes! But as soon as I jumped into the bed, I hear some keys jingling, and SOMEONE starts fumbling with the door."

"The blonde says 'Oh my gosh, it's my BOYFRIEND. He must have lost his WRESTLING match tonight, he's gonna be REAL MAD! Quick, HIDE!'"

So I opened at the CLOSET, but I figured that was probably the FIRST place he would look, so I didn't hide there. Then I looked under the bed, but no, I figured he's bound to look there, TOO. By now I could hear the key in the lock. I noticed the window was open, so I climbed out and was hanging there by my FINGERS praying that the guy WOULDN'T see me."

The bartender says, "Well I can see how you might be a BIT FRUSTRATED at this point."

"Well, yeah, but I hear the guy finally get he door open and he yells out, 'Who you been sleeping with now, bitch?'"

The girl says, 'Nobody, honey, now come to bed and calm down.' Well, the guy starts TEARING up the room. I hear him tear the door off the closet and throw it across the room.

I'm thinking, 'Boy, I'm glad I didn't hide in there.' Then I hear him lift up the bed and throw it across the room. Good thing I didn't hide under there either.

Then I heard him say, 'What's that over there by the WINDOW?' I think 'Oh crap, I'm dead meat now'. But the blonde by now is trying real hard to distract him and convince him to stop looking."

"Well, I hear the guy go into the bathroom, and I hear water running for a long time, and I figure maybe he's gonna take a bath or something, when all of a sudden the bastard pours a pitcher of scalding HOT WATER out of the window right on top of my head! I mean look at this, I got second degree burns all over my scalp and shoulders!"

The bartender says, "Oh man, that would have enraged me for SURE."

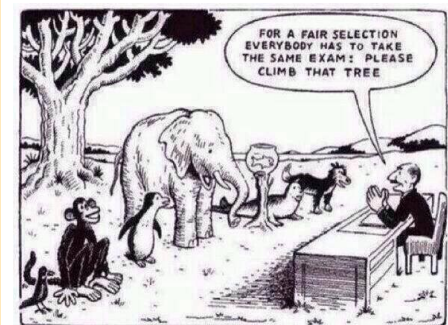
"No, that didn't really BOTHER me. Next the guy starts slamming the window shut over and over on my hands. I mean, look at my fingers. They're a bloody mess, I can hardly hold onto this glass."

The bartender looks at the guy's hands and says "Yeah, buddy, I can understand why you are so UPSET."

"No, that WASN'T what really ticked me off."

The bartender then asks in exasperation, "Well, then, what DID finally ticked you off?"

"Well I was hanging there, and I turned around and looked down, and I WAS ONLY ABOUT 6 INCHES OFF THE GROUND!"



Our Education System

Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.

