# DISTRICT 412 PASSION IN SERVICE



**DECEMBER 2014** 

LIONS DISTRICT 412 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER



In this picture: The District Governor, Lion Jean Mathanga, graces the Christmas party for 4 Orphanages in Harare organised by Lions of Harare The Phoenix in partnership with Innscor and Old Mutual.

# WE FEED THE HUNGRY

'Service with Passion'

'Strengthen the Pride'



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We wish you a Merry Christmas

and a New Year filled with Obervice

to the less privileged in our societies.

#### **Editorial Comments**



Fellow Lions, I hope I find you in a festive mood in your various Clubs, Zones and Regions. The month of December is a very special month in many ways. In the Lions Calendar we take time to remember those millions of people who go to bed hungry each night. We do projects as Lions to show them that we care, we FEED THE HUNGRY!

Our DG put forward a challenge for us at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting in this regard and it is my hope that your Club rose to the DG's challenge.

Its funny how time flies, we have already spent the first half of the Lionistic year, its time to take stock of our achievements and failures fellow Lions. If we are to remain the strongest service force in the world like we currently are then we ought to learn from our failures and make efforts to rectify them.

As we look forward to the New Calendar Year 2015, let us remember to continue with our feeding efforts in January NOT to forget the Worldwide Week of Service 10 - 16 January in Honor of our Founder, Melvin Jones. Motivate members in your Club to do something special in this regard.

#### THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER CONTINUES!

I thank all those who contributed to this edition.

With PASSION, WE SERVE!.

Lion Piraishe Mabhena
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### FROM THE DG's DESK

#### DG'A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Lions.

December marks six months of 2014-2015 Lions Year of Service. As I go round visiting Clubs, I get amazed at the tremendous work Lions in our Clubs are doing. The sad part however, is that not all Clubs publicise their work. We have heard often that a Lions Club is the best kept secret in town. This needs to be reversed. It is the

responsibility of the individual club to leave no doubt that the general public understands and appreciates fully who the Lions are and what they have accomplished on behalf of their community and people in need. Let us all embrace a quality public relations program. Make sure that the Public as well as the District know what you are doing. Be sure to file your activity reports on my LCI. This December, I have asked all Clubs to engage in the Feeding the Hungry program and be sure to send an article to our PR Officer Lion Piraishe. In doing this, we will have done a very good PR program as a District as we alleviate the suffering of the hungry.

Fellow Lions, I have also noted that many more Lion Leaders need to get the confidence that is needed to perform to the best of their ability. This is only possible if Leaders are equipped with the necessary information/materials. This therefore calls for all Lions/Leaders to get trained. Make sure that you take advantage of all training opportunities available. Secondly, let all Senior Leaders in your clubs be the Available Resource present. Senior Leaders should conduct training on specific subjects during your club meetings. These training sessions will complement GLT planned training.

We are indeed halfway in 2014-2015 Passion In Service year and indeed halfway towards our journey of restoring the District's Constitutional Status. With full participation by all of us, Fellow Lions, I trust that this is achievable. RE-MEMBER!! JUST ASK ONE OTHER PERSON to join your Club. Zone chairs ... your target is to bring a minimum of twenty members into the fold. Making sure however that you do not lose more than you will gain.

A good number of clubs have sent in their Feeding program articles. I now invite you to sit back and enjoy the issue. Remember, the best article gets a prize at our 3rd Cabinet meeting in Harare.

Enjoy the holidays and begin the New Year with a continued resolve to bring our service to those most in need and to restore the District's Health. Be seen and heard; let your Lion vest, pin or banner be seen.

Let us roar louder as we Strengthen the Pride.

Yours in Service

DG Jean





#### LIONS WORLDWIDE WEEK OF SERVICE

LIONS Worldwide Week of Service in January The Lions Worldwide Week of Service is a special Centennial Service Challenge event that brings Lions around the world together for a week of celebration and service. It's a great opportunity to showcase your club and celebrate the birthday of our founder, Melvin Jones.

Join the Lions Worldwide Week of Service in January 1) Plan your project – Host a service project that benefits youth, vision, hunger or the environment

during the week of January 10-16. 2) Share your project - Invite your community to

serve with you to showcase your club and the power of service.

3) Report your project – Report your service on the MyLCI Service Activity Report to earn a Centennial Banner Patch for your club.

Start Planning Your Service Project Share this special event with your club and start planning your project today. Don't miss this opportunity to join Lions around the globe in the Worldwide Week of Service in January! Share event photos





### **LIONS GO GREEN - TREE PLANTING**



On Saturday the 6th of December 2014, the Lions of Chiredzi in partnership with The Hippo Valley Forestry Department planted 500 Eucalyptus Tereticornis aka Gum Trees at Section 2 in Hippo Valley at a place now known as the Lions Gum Plantation. We would like to thank the Forestry Department for donating the tree seedlings, digging the holes and providing us with a water bowser and equipment for us to accomplish this mission. Special thanks are extended to Mr. Joseph Mandava, the Forestry Manager for coordinating this event and availing his team of around 20 people to assists the Lions and Leos with the planting.



Planted
A
Tree to
Save
The
Planet.







On the 3rd of December Lions Club of Harare the Phoenix together with prospective Lions of Norton planted 125 trees at St Eric High School in Norton.



On Saturday, 13 December 2014 **Mutare Lions Club** held a Tree Planting Ceremony at Zororai Old Peoples Home in Sakubva. This event was graced by The District Governor, Lion Jean Mathanga, Region 2 Chairman, Lion Jona Machaya and Zone 2A chairman, Lion Vimbayi Chatima



Lions Club of Mato**pos** in conjunction with members of the Omega Leos Club of NUST, members of FEWS (Forestry, Ecology and Wildlife Society) and members of the Rotaract Club of NUST, held a tree planting ceremony. Professor Samson Sibanda ,the Pro Vice Chancellor of NUST was the guest of honour.





# Hungry for an opportunity to serve?

#### Relieving the Hunger Global Service Action Campaign

Between the months of December and January, we are encouraging Lions to get involved and help relieve world hunger through participation in the Relieving the Hunger Global Service Action Campaign. We encourage Lions to not only plan hunger relief projects during these months, but throughout the year.

#### Working with Partners

Learn the best ways of working with our partners, Feeding America and Global Food banking Network, and local partners such as food pantries, soup kitchens, restaurants, schools, senior centers and more.

Every night nearly 1 billion people go to sleep hungry, according to USAID. But it doesn't have to be this way....

Check out our webinar, "Working Together to Relieve Hunger" for ideas, stories and best practices for working with our food banking partners to relieve hunger.

#### **Hunger Project Ideas**

During these months we will highlight hunger projects such as:

- Inviting a local food bank representative to speak at a club or district meeting
- Establishing a community vegetable garden, where local residents can grow their own food
- Working with schools to provide children in need with backpacks of food for when school is not in session

Nearly 100 years ago, our founder, Melvin Jones had a vision of community leaders coming together to solve global problems like hunger. Today his vision live on as Lions Clubs International.

#### Participate in the Centennial Service Challenge

Lions worldwide are working towards serving 100 million people by 2017 through their participation in the Centennial Service Challenge with projects that focus on youth, vision, the environment and hunger. Our goal is to benefit 25 million people through hunger relief, with a special goal of serving 10 million with ongoing food assistance. Report your club's activities to MyLCI, and don't forget to share photos of your project on social media sites with the hashtag #LIONS100.

How will your club relieve the hunger?

# D412 FEEDING HIGHLIGHTS

- Bwaila fed 2 Orphanage centres namely Abandunt Life and Dzando Orphanage Centres.
- Maun hosted a party for the hearing impaired students at Boyei School.
- Redcliff had a Christmas Party for the HIV orphans.
- Chiredzi organized a lunch with the blind community in Chiredzi and held a Christmas braai for the Children's home in Chiredzi.
- Matopos hosted a Christmas luncheon for 30 elderly patrons from the Garden Park Bingo group.
- Mutare hosted a Christmas party for the Zororai Old People's home.
- ♦ Triangle hosted a Christmas Party for 13 senior citizens.
- Leos of District 412 donated over 100 toys and confectionaries to the Letsholathebe Memorial Hospitals at the Pediatrics' ward.
- Matopos organized lunch for 20 children from John Smale Home.
- Mokomoto Lions visited Main Hospital, Phase One Clinic, Botshabelo clinic, BCL Hospital and Lons Home for the Handicapped and donated 120 gift (Frits) Packs.
- Phoenix in partnership with Innscor and Old Mutual organized a Christmas party for 4 Orphanages in Harare
- Hatfield hosted 120 old folks for a Christmas lunch
- Lobatse took the children of the Special Unit of Bothakga Primary School to the Lobatse Town Park and spent four hours with the children, dancing, singing and eating with them.
- Mzuzu donated food stuffs to Bandawe School of the deaf.
- Mtunthama organized a luncheon at Mtengowanthenga Hospital some 40km north of Lilongwe for over 100 people.
- Wankie Lwendulu Donated some groceries to Badala Old People's Home.
- Zvishavane donated food to Old People around the town who were identified by the Local Social Welfare Department, they also donated Cake flour to the Old People's home.



### **ITS CHRISTMAS TIME IN D412!**

# BWAILA

As part of Feeding Program, On the 6th of December, Bwaila Lions Club organized a Christmas feast for 2 orphanage centers namely Abandunt Life Centre and Dzando Orphanage Centre. They distributed Food, drinks, snacks, second hand clothes as well as doors to the 2 centres.









# CHIRED21

On the 12th of December 2014, it was FEEDING FRIDAY IN CHIREDZI. The Lions hosted the blind community for lunch whilst the Leos hosted a Christmas Braai Party for the Chiredzi Christian Children's Home.







# MAUN GREATER

On the 27th of November 2014, Maun -Greater Lions went to Boyei school to show love and fellowship in line with the spirit of Christmas. Boyei School has 31 hearing impaired students. All Lion members in partnership with staff members at FNB donated a pair of shoes each to each of the children. The kids were also each given a Samaritan box which comprised of stationery, towels, toiletries, a bible, etc. The afternoon was filled with fun through dances from the School and teachers, which the children were able to present a traditional dance piece for us.









### **ITS CHRISTMAS TIME IN D412!**

# TRIANGLE

On the 14th December 2014 the Lions Club of Triangle hosted a Christmas Party for 13 senior citizens. The golden boys and girls were all picked by lions from their residence and dropped back again after the party. There was plenty of food and they even had a desert treat of fruit, ice cream and cake. They enjoyed themselves and one after the other they thanked the Lions Club of Triangle for giving them such a wonderful Christmas.









# REDCLIFF

On the 29th of November 2014, The Lions Club of Redcliff had a lot of fun with a group of about 50 HIV orphans.

There was modeling, dancing, and lots of eats. Lion Dr Patricia Mapanda is the founder member of this group of children and has managed to convince a group of passionate clients to join in with Mr and Mrs. Kasipo who also assisted with hosting the children.

Most of the children have never stepped a foot out of Kwekwe and have expressed the desire to go to Victoria Falls and Kariba. Any assistance from any lions to fund this trip is welcome, however we are planning to take them to Antelope Park in Gweru once adequate funds are available.

Lion Patricia, Lion Senzo, Lion Charity, and prospective Leo Gladmore gave the group company the whole day and it was lots of fun.







# DISTRICT 412 LEOS

On the 30th of November 2014, the Leos of District 412 donated over 100 toys and confectionaries to the Letsholathebe Memorial Hospitals at the Pediatrics' ward.

The Pediatrics' ward comprises of new born children up to the age of 12 years. The children received their gifts with much joy and pleasure and it was a Christmas treat with a difference altogether. Mothers beamed with joy and gratitude as they were handed a toy for their daughters or sons to play with in the near future. The parents were also given confectionaries to nibble on and they could not hide their joy.









## **ITS CHRISTMAS TIME IN D412!**

# MATOPOS

On 6th December ,twenty children from John Smale Home, were collected by Toyota Zimbabwe to attend the races at Breedon Everard Raceway. These children were treated to a day of racing, a visit by Santa and some of the racing drivers on their motorbikes! Santa gave the children satchel filled with stationery, exercise books and other school equipment. They also got parcels containing basic commodities e.g. candles, face soap, biscuits and sweets. Ten other children, from Queen Elizabeth Home, were unable to attend as permission had not been obtained by the home, in time from Social Services. A great day was had by all! The two homes also received 9 two litre bottles of juice and 10kgs of sugar. The Lions Club of Matopos would like to extend their sincere thanks to Toyota Zimbabwe and Castrol for their continued support of this project. The children are made to feel like "Kings and Queens" for the day!







# PHOENIX

As part of the **Feeding Program**, On the 13th of December 2014, **Harare The Phoenix Lions Club** organized a Christmas Party for 4 Orphanages in Harare. This occasion was graced by the DG, Lion Jean and the FVDG, Lion Alva.







# MOKOMOTO

On the 25th of December 2014, 9 members of **Mokomoto Lions club** visited Main Hospital, Phase One Clinic, Botshabelo clinic, BCL Hospital and Lons Home for the Handicapped. They donated and distributed 120 gift (Frits) Packs. They received donations from various businesses and Lions of the club. Lion President, 1. Lion Jaymin Gandhi thanked all the members of the club for this wonderful event.









### SPECIAL OLYMPICS MALAWI





The Special Olympics - Lions Clubs International global partnership has demonstrated continued impact and innovation in support of children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Through improved vision care and sight preservation, family health education, and capacity building, the SO-LCI partnership has improved the lives of hundreds of thousands of Special Olympics athletes, their families and their communities. A core component of this innovation is the creation of Special Olympics- focused specialty Clubs, dedicated to enriching the lives of people with intellectual disabilities through community service. The creation of the SO-focused Clubs has brought increased action and member activation to communities throughout the world.

The Special Olympics Malawi program signed a landmark national partnership agreement with the Lions Clubs of D412, the first ever in Africa. As part of partnership innovation, and in support of the national partnership, a proposal for SO-focused Lions Clubs to provide a one-time grant to Special Olympics Malawi in the purchase of a Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV) was made.

The newly-formed Vigo, Spain Champions Lions Club took the lead in this multilateral effort in support of the national partnership in Malawi. In close collaboration with Special Olympics Malawi, this fundraising effort raised USD\$8,000. This money will be used to purchase the SUV with complete SO-LC branding, and a full service of the vehicle. The objective of this effort is not only to create added capacity for Special Olympics and Lions Clubs of Malawi, but also to create increased multilateral collaboration among SO-focused Lions Clubs to forge strong friends, interest in global programming, and excitement among the many members involved.

This SUV will be acquired soon and will be co-branded with the Special Olympics Malawi and Lions Clubs logos, inspired by the partnership forged between the Special Olympics Nederlands Program and the Lions Clubs of the Nederlands. The SUV purchase will provide added capacity to the national partnership, and would offer free sustained branding and marketing for both organizations at the most local of levels. This will also bring added capacity to the Special Olympics Malawi program, allowing the Program to access more rural communities throughout the country, and offering the Program the ability to transport equipment, supplies, and critical personnel to these remote areas of the country in the implementation of Special Olympics programming. The SUV would increase the capacity for more Opening Eyes screenings, which require the transport of technical equipment and supplies.

# MTUNTHAMA

Mtunthama Lions Club organized a luncheon feeding program on 7th December 2014 at Mtengowanthenga Hospital, some 40km north of Lilongwe. Members of the club donated and prepared the food which included rice, nsima, chicken, beef, salads, vegetables and orange squash. Nearly a 100 people were fed including patients, guardians and members of staff. There was so much food so that left overs were packed to be consumed later.

Speaking to the press on behalf Mtunthama Lions Club, Lion Stewart Munthali thanked fellow lions for their spirit giving and serving and equally praised Capital City Lions club for their support. The event was ably covered by Malawi's Daily Times and The nation newspapers.





#### 2015 D412 CONVENTION



2015 District 416 Convention Information

Dear District 412 Lion,

The 53<sup>rd</sup> District 412 Convention will be held in the City of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe from the **30th of April 2015 to the 3rd of May 2015**.

Theme: City of Kings - Royalty

#### Venue

Khumalo Lions Den, Eastcott Avenue.

#### **REGISTRATION FEES**

\$120.00 (up to September 30th 2014) **\$130 (01 Oct 2014 - 31 Jan 2015)** \$150 (01 Feb 2015 - 30 Apr 2015) 50% of Registration for Leos

(Please complete separate form for spouse and children, 5yrs & above)

#### STRICTLY NO REFUNDS after 31March 2015

Bank Transfers/Deposits must be paid to: Account Name: Lions Club of Bulawayo

Bank: BancABC

Branch: Jason Moyo Street Account No:10029463902000

Send a copy of Payment and Registration form to:

The Convention Treasurer/Secretary 2015

Lion Esmay Scott

Email: escott@yoafrica.com

Convention Convener 2015

Lion Maureen Barrett

Email: maureen.barrett764@gmail.com

Please Register NOW

Lion Maureen Barrett
Convention Convenor

We look forward to hosting you in the City of Kings! Look out for the National Art Gallery, the National Museum, Fine works of Art in our Curio Shops and much more! The Matopos Hills and Chipangali Wildlife Conservancy are just a 20 minutes drive from the City!











### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE LEO

#### March in Maun

On the 29th of November 2014, and In commemorating the International Leo Day, Leos clubs from all over District 412 (Botswana, Mozambique, Malawi, Zimbabwe) and also our friends District 413 (Zambia), had a march from the Maun Old Mall to the Maun New Mall. The march was an eye opener to the community of Maun, Botswana, as our aim was to publicize the District 412 Leos.

The March was an official opening ceremony of the District 412 Leos 2014 Second Council Meeting.

**Top Right:** Omega Leos posing for a photo before the March with the Lions

**Right:** Leos assembled after the march with their banners in front of them as the District 412 President, Leo Tanyaradzwa Nzvengende, offers a speech about who Leos are

#### Blood Donation

In commemorating the International Leo Day, **Gunhill Leo Club** partnered with National Blood Services Zimbabwe (NBSZ) in participating in blood drive on the 6th of December 2014.

Gunhill Leo Club, District 412, and other Leos came together in unity and pride to celebrate the 57th International Leo Day.

The move of saving a life, through blood donation pushed the Leos to donate blood in conjunction with Pledge 25 Club. A total of 10 Leos donated blood and over 350 youths donated blood on the same day in Harare at NBSZ offices.

We would like to express our gratitude to Mr. T. Z. Saira, Senior Public Relations Officer, NBSZ, for welcoming the Gunhill Leo Club into the program and making a difference into the society. We appreciate the presence and service offered by all the Leos who were present and the District 412 Leo President, Leo Tanyaradzwa Nzvengende. The event was also graced by an uplifting live performance by Bob Nyabinde and Tariro Negitare.





Below: Gunhill Leo Club and other Leos with Mr. T. Z. Saira (in Blue Cap) after blood donation.



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## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE LEO

# Hospital Cleanup

On 5<sup>th</sup> December which happens to be the international day of volunteerism, the **Bambino LEO Club** was invited to an activity commemorating the day. Volunteers drawn from several organizations that included the American Peace Corps, Volunteer Services Overseas, Australian Volunteer Organization and the United Nations Volunteer office and the Bambino Leo Club took part in a major cleaning exercise of the Kamuzu Central Hospital, the biggest referral hospital in the capital, Lilongwe. The Leos subdivided into several groups cleaned various sections of the hospital. They scrubbed walls, mopped floors and swept the grounds and corridors of the hospital and handed out water and fruits to other volunteers. It was an action and fun filled fun day.





### Hospital Visit

In celebrating the International Leo Day, 12 Leos from Capital City Leos visited the children's ward at Kamuzu Central Hospital Children's ward with basic items and groceries. Lion President Chisomo joined the Leos in celebrating this special day. Here are photos of a very successful serving mission!





#### Leo Orientation

In celebrating the International Leo day, **Triangle Lions Club** hosted a Leo
Orientation workshop for
prospective Leos from
Mufakose and Terry Goss
High Schools in Triangle at
their Den.

The orientation sessions were done by Past Zone 3A Chair Lion Fidelis and DAC Lion Piraishe from Chiredzi.



# **Laughter is the Best Medicine**

#### THE SECRET OF THE LION



# SHARE YOUR ACTIVITIES

"Pay yourself first, live off the rest"

# Why?

We belong to an international network of volunteers and our efforts as a combined force can only be accounted for if we all communicate what we are doing in our respective communities.

### How?

Do a report of your activity and be sure to capture the following information;

- a) Date and name of event
- b) Number of Lions / Leos
- c) Nature of event
- d) Number of beneficiaries
- e) Value in Lion Hours or amount of money spent
- f) Take good pictures

#### When?

As soon as the project is complete or at the end of the month

## Who do I share with?

There are numerous ways to share your activities;

- 1) Post your activity report on MyLCI
- 2) Share with the District Publicity team
- 3) Post on your Club Website or Facebook page
- 4) Post on the International Facebook
- 5) Share with your Community by way of a Club Newsletter

Contact the Publicity Team for more information;

Lion Doreen - Region 1 (Malawi) Lion Piraishe - Region 2&3 (Zimbabwe)

Lion Lynette - Region 4 (Botswana)







#### 5 Deadly Terms used by Women

- 1. **"Fine"** This is the word women use to end an argument when she knows she is right and you need to shut up.
- 2. "Nothing" means
  "Something" and you need to
  be worried.
- "Go Ahead" this is dare, <u>NOT</u> permission, don't do it!
- 4. **"Whatever"** A woman's way of saying screw you.
- "That's Ok" She is thinking long and hard on how and when you'll pay for your mistake.

#### Bonus Word:

"Wow" - This is <u>NOT</u> a compliment; she's amazed that one person could be so stupid.

Husband sends wife an SMS I got hit by a car outside the office. Linda brought me to the hospital. They have been making tests and X-rays. The blow to my head, though very strong, will not have lasting or serious damages. I have three broken ribs, a broken arm and a compound fracture in my left leg. They also may have to amputate my right leg...

Wife replies: Who is Linda?

#### **FOOLISHNESS**

Peter: "I want my money now!"

Tom: "I will kill myself so that I won't pay
you!"

\*he pulled a gun n shot himself dead\* **Peter:** "hahaha.....If u think you'll get away with my money u r wrong, I'll follow you until you pay me!"

\*he takes the gun n shot himself dead as well

James: was watching from a distance he laughed and said "these guys are funny, I want to watch this till the end".....\*he also took the gun and killed him self!

Who is the most stupid of them all?

#### LION ON THE MOVE.....



The Lions D412 Family would like to congratulate **Lion Silvia Muzila** for her election as the new and first Lady Mayor of the City of Francistown in Botswana. You make us proud.

Keep on shining!!