



Leos are our future

Chiredzi Lions Club on a massive Leo recruitment drive.

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Lions are Leaders

Leaders are developed. Chiredzi Lions out for Lions Leadership training.

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Zone 3A is tops

The Zone Chair completes his wonderful year with an awards function.

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The 2014 - 15 year has finally come to an end! Phewww!

The Editorial team would like to thank all the Lions of Chiredzi for yet another year of dedication to service in the community of Chiredzi.

As we move into the Golden Year of the Lions Club of Chiredzi, we hope the occasion of the 50th Anniversary will motivate the Lions of Chiredzi to continue with the legacy of serving the Lowveld Community.

We also want to congratulate Lion President Piraishe for his dedication and efforts in transforming the Club into what it is today. He was duly honored as the Best President in District 412 in the year 2014 - 15. The editorial would also want to congratulate Lion David for his outstanding efforts recognized at District Level and the best performing Zone Chairman in District 412.

We lighten up Chiredzi!

- The Editorial Team

President's Message



Fellow Lions,
The 2014 - 15 year has come to an end. It has been quite a busy year and its time to take stock of our achievements and learn from our failures as we usher in a new leadership in the Lions Club of Chiredzi led by Lion Costain Dodo.

Membership

we started the year with 26 Members, we added 10 New members and dropped 4 resulting in a net growth of 6 members to take our number to 32. We have one prospective member due to be inducted at the changeover dinner. Our target for 2014-15 was to get to 30 members.

Service Activities

I'm pleased to report that we recorded 26 service activities this year and we made quite an impact in our community. The key highlights in this regard include the Blankets donation to the Blind Community and the Children's Home, The South East College Eye Camp, The Feeding Friday, The donation of Stationery to Nandi School, The Clean up Campaign of Chiredzi, The formation of the Chiredzi Omega Leo Club and the Orientation of 2 other Leo Clubs in Mutendi and Great Zimbabwe University.

Dues

I'm also happy to report that the Club is in good standing with both Lions Club International and District 412. It is however sad to note that we are still struggling in this area. As Lions it is imperative that we pay our dues and be in good standing. Paying our dues allows our organization to meet its obligations of making a difference in the communities of the world. It is my hope that going forward we shall see Lions making payment plans to lighten their burden.

Member participation. This past year we have seen a big positive in participation both in club meetings and club projects. The number of Lions INVOLVED in the club activities is quite encouraging. I urge the incoming President to cultivate the spirit of participation in the club activities.

Reporting. Our Secretary, Lion Ephias has done a splendid job in ensuring that our records are always up to date. Our minutes, our MMRs and our activity reports have been done timeously and on point.

Publicity. Our Editorial team has done a great job in doing our newsletters. The first two newsletters were done and delivered as expected but the third one could not be the publication deadline but was however published. Our Facebook Page is quite active and continues to be an effective tool of communicating our activities with the rest of the world.

We have struggled to keep our website up to date and efforts are being made to streamline it with the current events.

Leadership Development. Five Lions in our Club attended Leadership development courses this year. Lion David attended the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Brazzaville, Congo while Lion Judith, Lion Costain, Lion Anthony and Lion Piraishé attended the Regional Lions Leadership Institute in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. We hope they'll use their acquired knowledge to further the interests of the Lions.

Leos and Youth. We have extended the number of the Leo Clubs that we sponsor to 5. I would like to thank the Leo Advisor Lion Jessy N'andu for running with the Leo Program. I feel we can do more in this regard and my challenge to the incoming leader is to put pressure on the Leos to do more for the community.

Lastly I would like to thank all my Club members for the support that they gave me as the President of the Club. I wish Lion Costain all the best as he assumes the Presidency of our beloved club.

With Passion and Excellence - We serve!

Lion President Piraishé



The District Convention

In Bulawayo - The City of Kings

The weather and venue were perfect for Convention in the City of Kings convened at Khumalo Lions Den led by Lion Maureen Barrett from Matopos Lions Club. 100 delegates were in attendance, 92 from District 412, the visitors were PID Lion Sunil Kumar and his spouse Khavita from India, PDG Lion Hastings Chiti plus 4 Lions from Zambia as well as Lion Colin Mansell from Newbury UK. The Lions Club of Chiredzi was represented by 4 delegates namely Lion David; Lion Piraishie; Lion Judith and Lion Costain.



The Chiredzi Lions pose for a picture with the District Governor Jean Mathanga at the Convention in Bulawayo.

The Mayor of Bulawayo Mr Martin Moyo opened Convention and has subsequently been invited to attend a Lions meeting. A Mini Fashion Show with a demonstration on skin care was enjoyed by the ladies who attended.

The Schools of Instruction were informative and provided a wealth of information.

The Royal Theme evening was attended by Sir Winston Churchill, Queen Bee, Maharajas and Maharanis joined the crowd as did Queen Victoria and Mr Brown, Cleopatra, the King of Pop Michael Jackson and his Jazz Queen Ella Fitzgerald to name but a few characters.

The election for the District Leaders went smoothly and the following Lions were elected:

District Governor Elect Lion Dr Alva Senderayi

First Vice District Governor Elect Lion Eric Musesengwe

Second Vice District Governor Elect Lion Jona Machaya

The Business Session was lively with many presentations and the bid for the 2017 Convention being awarded to Malawi. Lion President Ruth raised a commendable sum, just short of 2000 dollars, for Medic Alert with her winning ways. The Lions Club of Chiredzi donated \$50 towards this cause.

At the Convention Banquet the District Governor took time to honour the clubs and Lion members who excelled in the year 2014 - 15 notably;

Lion of the Year:	Lion Jona Machaya
Lion Club of the Year:	Lion Club of Triangle
Lion President of the Year:	Lion Piraishie Mabhena
Lion Secretary of the Year:	Lion Nokukhanya
Lion Treasurer of the Year:	PDG James Honold
Membership Hero of the Year:	Lion David Saunyama

The Convention was a great success!



District 412 Lion President of the Year
- Lion Piraishie Mabhena



Regional Lions Leadership Institute

Holiday Inn, Bulawayo

The long standing demand for quality Leadership Development and the necessity to conduct a Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) in our District became a reality in May 2015 when the RLLI was conducted at Holiday Inn Bulawayo from the 3rd of May 2015 till the 5th of May 2015.

Ever since the Protective Programme that was in force for Zimbabwe from 1990 was withdrawn in 2009, the District has been faced with decline in membership and the only way forward was to improve the quality of leadership in the District especially Zimbabwe. It was with a view to equip our leaders with the necessary tools that the District leadership embarked on a highly subsidized RLLI utilizing funds that had been collected for over five years.

The spade work for conducting the highly subsidized RLLI started in 2013 and at the District Convention at Harare in May 2014 the sanction was obtained on the floor of the Convention to utilize funds kept in District's Fixed Deposit. Lions Clubs International was approached in April 2014 and sanction was granted to conduct the RLLI in May 2015. The District GLT Coordinator Dr Pateson Mapanda embarked on an exercise to select participants for the RLLI and a total of 69 participants were successful. Of these 69 participants, 5 from Botswana, 1 from Malawi, 1 from Mozambique and 62 from Zimbabwe were selected. The Lions Club of Chiredzi was represented by 4 members namely; Lion Piraishe, Lion Judith, Lion Costain and Lion Anthony.



Lion Fidelis and Lion Piraishe enjoy dinner at the RLLI Banquet

The Institute was awesome and demonstrated the true meaning of Lionism.....you deserve to have the ALLI
PDG Hastings Eli Chiti

It has been a great experience; please reduce such to Regional level so we can have all Lions to download such useful tools of a lion!
Lion Costain

"What an eye opening course"
Lion Tony



PDG Hasting Chiti from D412 presents certificates to Lion Judith, Lion Costain and Lion Anthony at the Regional Lions Leadership Institute in Bulawayo

Leo Orientation

Mutendi High School Alpha Leo Club



Group Photo taken after a successful orientation session at Mutendi

On Africa Day, 25 May 2015 the Lions of Chiredzi and the Chiredzi Omega Leos Club travelled to Mutendi High School to do orientation of the Prospective Leos. Mutendi High School is situated some 150KM from Chiredzi.

The Chiredzi Lions, led by Lion President Piraishe Mabheba rolled out a 4 hour orientation session that was directed by Past Leo District President and also First Vice President of Chiredzi, Lion Anthony Siyavunda.

Some of the topics covered in the orientation session included The History of Leoism, Qualities of a good Leo Member, Team work and Leo Club Administration.

The event was well attended with 14 Lions and 5 Omega Leos making the long trip. In attendance was the Zone Chair, Lion David Saunyama who

immediately gave the Prospective Leos a challenge to encourage their guardians to join the Lions.

The Leo Club at Mutendi has been in existence for a few years operating without a charter and lacking the necessary guidance from a sponsoring Lions Club. The Patron of the Club, Prospective Lion Mudefi thanked the Lions of Chiredzi for their efforts and pledged to work closely with the Lions of Chiredzi to ensure that the Club is chartered and run according to the set guidelines. The Prospective Leo Club has a membership of 50 Leo members.



The Prospective Leos listen attentively to the schools of instruction



The Prospective Leo President shows off the beautiful Club Banner for Mutendi High School Alpha Leo Club



Ready to SERVE as LEOS!

Leo Orientation

Great Zimbabwe University Omega Leo Club

On the 30th of May, the Lions of Chiredzi extended their Leo catchment to Great Zimbabwe University, some 250km from Chiredzi. They staged another orientation session which was ably supported by the attendance of Triangle Lions, The Leo District Chairperson, Lion Sharai & PDG Ray Sibanda, Region 3 Chairman, Lion Cosmas Chisare, Zone Chairman, Lion David and the Leo President Elect Leo Amanda Moyo.

A 25 team of Prospective Omega Leos from GZU was successfully oriented and immediately pledges to make a difference in the community. Plans are underway to apply for the charter of this Omega Club.

The orientation of GZU takes to 5 the number of Leo Clubs being sponsored by the Lions Club of Chiredzi.



Group Photo taken after a successful Leo Orientation at GZU



The President and fellow Lions welcome PDG Ray Sibanda and DAC Lion Sharai Sibanda at the Mashava Campus



Chiredzi Lions arrive at the Great Zimbabwe University Mashava Campus



Leo District President Elect, Leo Amanda leads a discussion topic at the orientation session.

ZONE 3A AWARDS

Chiredzi shines at the Zone Awards

The Zone of the moment, Zone 3A closed the year in style with their final Zone meeting hosted by Zvishavane Lions club at their Den. 54 Lion members from across the Zone attended the lively meeting which later culminated into a celebration of success by arguably the best performing Zone in District 412. The Lions Club of Chiredzi was represented by 10 members at this event.

In his address the Zone Chair, Lion David Saunyama thanked all the Presidents for making his year at the helm of the Zone a success. Among some of his key achievements was the increase in Lion members from 61 at the beginning of the year to 121 at present! The number of reported projects in the Zone also went up from 39 in the previous year to 69 this year with Triangle and Chiredzi topping the service charts on 31 and 25 projects respectively.

The Zone Chair took time to award and recognized efforts by members and clubs. Lions Club of Triangle scooped the Club of the year trophy. Chiredzi were recognized for the outstanding work in the Leo Program while Zvishavane were awarded for bringing in the most members. Lion Glen Margerison of Triangle was awarded the best Treasurer in the Zone while Lion Ephias Mugari of Chiredzi was awarded the best Secretary.

The event was also attended by the District Governor Elect, Lion Dr. Alva Senderayi and FVDGE Lion Eric Musesengwe and President of Redcliff Lion Charity Sithole. The DGE took time to explain the themes of the incoming International President, Lion Dr. Yamada from Japan and his theme as District Governor.

The Incoming Zone Chairman for Zone 3A, Lion Piraishe Mabhena took the opportunity to thank his predecessor, Lion David for a job well done and promised to continue flying high the flag of Zone 3A. Lion Piraishe presented his theme for the 2015 – 16 year which was well received by the Incoming Presidents and the Zone members and highlighted his objectives for the year. His theme is 'Walking the service path of excellence'

There was more fun and fellowship till late in the night as Lions danced the night away in the City of Zvishavane in the company of the local leaders who included the Member of Parliament for Zvishavane, Hon. John Holder! The honorable member also presented some gifts to the DGE and the Zone Chair and was delighted by the work the Lions were doing in his community.



And the Best Secretary in Zone 3A is Lion Ephias Mugari of Chiredzi Lions Club!



Lion President Piraishe accepts a certificate on behalf of the Lions Club of Chiredzi for best performance in the Leos category.

AGE IS JUST A NUMBER

Lion Sam celebrates his 72nd Birthday

The Lions of Chiredzi surprised their longest serving Lion with a birthday celebration. Lion Samson Homera was born on the 8th of June 1943. He joined Lionism in 1986 which gives him 29 years in service. He was President in the Lions Club of Chiredzi between 2001 and 2003 for 2 years. He was pivotal in the chartering and orientation of Chiredzi Christian and Chiredzi Government High School Alpha Leo Clubs. He has traveled the District far and wide attending numerous conventions. He has a warm heart and is source of strength and advice for the Club Leadership. Being of a Human Resources Background, one of the key strengths of the Retired HR Practitioner is his conflict resolutions techniques which have kept the club united in difficult times. On the occasion of his 72nd birthday, the Lions felt obliged to do something for him. A cake and a few drinks were purchased and 12 Lions drove to his house to sing and celebrate with him.

Speaking at this occasion the Lions Club President, Lion Piraishe encouraged members to continue with this spirit which bonds the club members and promotes unity of purpose in the Club.

The Zone Chair, Lion David echoed the President's sentiments and described Lion Sam as a dedicated Lion who leads by example.

HAPPY 72nd BIRTHDAY LION SAM



Lion Costain shows off the cake



Lion Sam cuts his cake



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Humour Corner

10 things to consider if you want to be poor

1. Never wake up early: Keep stretching and turning in bed until you get too hungry to continue dozing. If there are no bedbugs, why hurry to get up?
2. Never plan how to spend your money: Whenever you get money, start spending it right away and when it is finished, try to count and recall how you spent it.
3. Competing: Make sure you wear the latest clothes among all the workers in your office. Whenever your neighbor/friend buys a new phone, car or dress, you get one that is more expensive.
4. Don't think of saving until you have real big money: How can you save when you earn so little? Those telling you to save are not sympathetic to your burning needs.
5. Don't engage in activities usually reserved for the 'uneducated': How can you, a graduate, engage in petty trade or home-based production? That is for people who never went to school.
6. Don't think of starting a business until an angel comes from heaven and gives you capital: How do they expect you to invest before you get millions of dollars? Even though more than half the businesses in your town were started with a few dollars, you as a smart person can only start with millions.
7. Complain about everything except your own attitude: Blame the system, the government and the banks that refuse to lend you money. They are all bad and do not want you to get rich.
8. Spend more than you earn: To achieve this, buy consumer products in credit and keep borrowing from friends and employer.
9. Get yourself a nice second-hand car that costs more than three times your gross monthly pay: That will surely keep you in debt long enough to hinder the implementation of any bad plans that could make you accumulate capital.
10. Give your children everything they ask for since you are such a loving parent: They should not struggle for anything because you do not want them to suffer. That way, they will grow up lazy and hence poor enough to ensure they cannot help you in your old age.

If you diligently implement these 10 great rules, you will not fail to invite poverty in great measures to your homestead.

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On the Cover: Lion President Piraishe and Zone Chair Lion David at the GZU Leo Orientation session

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