



Sporting Orphans
Lions and Tongaat Hulett Zimbabwe help Chiredzi orphans get to national sports event.

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Lowveld Show

The biggest annual event in the Chiredzi calendar. A full complement of Leos and Lions were out this year.

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New Year, New Theme

After a fun filled change over dinner, President Piraishe gets to work with themes from the District Governor and International President.

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The Intrepid Chiredzi Lion is a Quarterly Newsletter published by the Lions Club of Chiredzi. We'd love to hear from you—our details are at the back.

Welcome to the new Lionistic year for 2014-15.

The new year brings a new identity and a new look for this publication, the quarterly newsletter for Chiredzi Lions Club.

The new name means courageous, daring and adventurous—all things Joe Preston, Lions Clubs International President wants us to be:

Strengthen the Pride – Through Courage and Conviction

“As Lions, we need to roar. We need to tell the whole world who we are, and that we will never stop trying, because we have service to perform, and we are going to provide it, no matter what the challenges are.

Lions Clubs International was born of courage and has succeeded due to our conviction to the principle that it is better to serve others, than to serve ourselves. And if we stay focused – that same courage and conviction will carry us into the future.”

—The Editorial Team

President's Message

Fellow Lions,

I would like to welcome you to this brand new Lionistic year 2014–15. The International President's theme is **Strengthen the Pride**; the District Governor is saying **Passion in Service**. As Chiredzi, our theme in line with these two is **Our Passion is Excellency and Excellency is our Passion!**

As we go through the year let's aim to leave the Lions footprint with whomever we'll interact with. I urge all members to dedicate some time to quality service and make a difference in our community of Chiredzi.

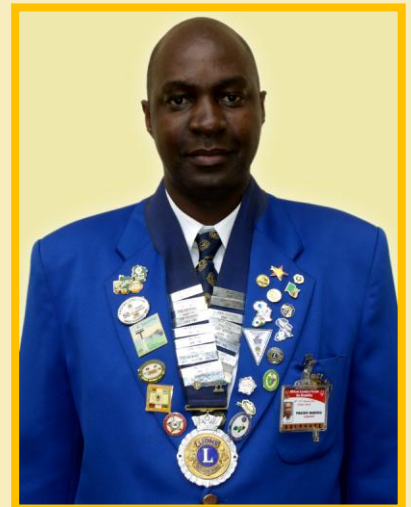
The year has started on a positive note with very good member participation in meetings and club projects. Let's keep together and continue serving as a team. Some of the projects that we have done in our community so far include the Blankets Distribution, The Lowveld show and the Sponsorship of the Children's Home. I would like to thank all the Lions who worked very hard to make these projects successful. I also want to thank my entire board for all the support thus far, keep up the good work fellow Lions.

Going into the next quarter we have a number of projects on the cards, your participation in these projects is key to their success. In this coming quarter some of the projects on the cards include; Sight screening, Tree Planting, Youth awareness campaign & The Santa Shoe box project. The Leos have also planned a few projects in the next few months, and as Lions we play a mentoring role to these cubs. Let us ensure that we give them all the support that they need so that they can develop into outstanding citizens and hopefully join us as Lions in the future. They say charity begins at home, we shall also be embarking on a few projects to refurbish our Lions Den, plans are underway to transform the current setup and I look forward to your usual support.

We welcomed 2 new members at the beginning of this year namely, Lion Tino and Lion Victor. Welcome to the Pride, I hope you're feeling at home already. Our current membership as a club is satisfactory but our District is in serious need of members so that we make up the full District strength of 1250 members. As a club we can contribute to this cause by inviting a few more members to join us. Let's look for quality members in our society and increase our numbers. Our member induction function ceremony for this quarter will be held on the 25th of October 2014 where we hope to increase our pride of Lions by 5 more members. Please keep encouraging the

Prospective Lions to attend our meetings and projects.

Lions Club International will celebrate 100 years of service in 2017! We are invited 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. As Chiredzi we shall be rising up to this Centennial Service Challenge by hosting service projects throughout the year that impact Youth, Vision, Hunger or the Environment. So far we have already done one project to serve the youth and that counts as a contribution towards this goal.

Let's stay focused and continue lighting up Chiredzi with our service efforts.

With Passion We Serve!

Lion Piraishe Mabhena
Lions Club of Chiredzi President 2014-15



First Project of the Year

Blanket Distribution

On the 16th of July, we convened our first project in the 2014-15 year. With money from our charity

account, we purchased blankets worth USD\$366. These blankets were distributed to Chiredzi Children's Home and to the blind community in Chiredzi. A total of 12 Lions attended this event.



Lions Attend COOL Workshop

R3 Club Officers Orientation Leadership Workshop

On the eve of changeover to the new term, seven members of Chiredzi Lions Clubs comprising the majority of the incoming board attended the

Region 3 Club Officers Orientation Leadership (R3COOL) workshop in Matopos, Bulawayo. This workshop was key in orienting the new office bearers in their new roles and also giving them an insight into what is happening beyond D412.



Membership Committee

New Membership Procedure

1. Assist members to invite quality potential Lions.
2. Encourage prospective Lion Members to attend at least 3 meetings and participate in at least one club project before taking the oath to serve.
3. Take potential members through a formal pre-induction.
4. Arrange for the Induction of the new member(s).
5. Assist sponsoring members to mentor the new members.
6. Arrange for schools of instruction to assist new and current members on a quarterly basis in one of the General Meetings.

Retention of Members

1. Follow up members who are no longer attending meetings and projects.
2. Remind members of their oath to serve and remind them to attend meetings.
3. Meet regularly to review performance of member in participation of Lions Club duties.
4. Promote retention of members through regular consultation and club functions.

A Show to Remember

Lowveld Agricultural Show and Trade Fair 2014

The annual Lowveld Agricultural Show and Trade Fair was established by Chiredzi Lions Club in 1966. Although the Show is now run by a dedicated Show Society, Chiredzi Lions are still heavily involved in the project.

The Lowveld Show is an extremely popular event and affords the community an opportunity to showcase their goods and services and also provides wonderful entertainment.

The Lions provide the service to man the gates on behalf of the show society and in return the Show

Society commits 10% of its proceeds towards the Lions who in turn use this money for charity.

This year at least 17 Lions and more than 30 Leos participated in the Show Projects. The Lions manned the gates while the Leos assisted the Lions to run the Tea Garden and the Putt-Putt Golf Course to raise some funds for the Club. This event was successful in raising over \$1600 for the Club over the two days.

See all the photos at: www.chiredzi.co.zw/news/



Above (left): Leo Thandolwethu, Lion Judith and Lion Doreen, **(right):** Lion Faith and Lion Anthony

Left: Leos Moreblessing, Brenda and Memory serving meals at the Lions Tea Garden



Below (left): Lions man the Show gates, **(right):** Lion Mathias and Lion Costain



Above (left): Leos serving meals at the Lions Tea Garden, **(right):** Chef Leo Kudzai, President Ester and Leo Tamari

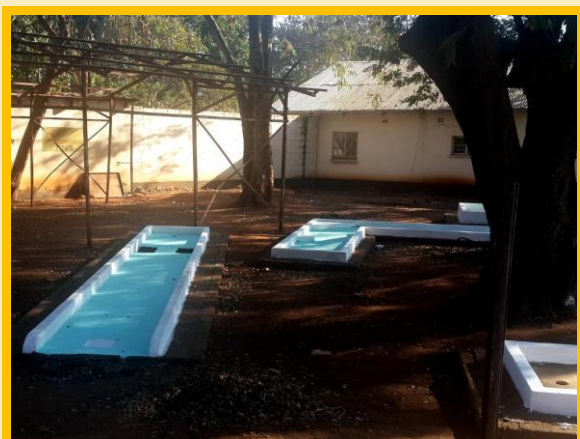


Right: Lion Fidelis (Show Society) and Lion Sam

Below: Peter Moyo and Utakatata Express



Above: Traditional Dance performance



Left: The Leos refurbished the Putt-Putt Golf course in preparation for the show. The Lions acquired the paint and brushes, and the Leos came in their numbers to give the place the much needed facelift.

Zimbabwe Orphanages Sports Festival

Annual Sporting Event for Our Orphans is Huge Success

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. This event aims to achieve the following social objectives:

- ✓ To identify, nurture and expose raw talent to opportunities existing in the sporting world
- ✓ Provide corporate mentoring
- ✓ Build and inculcate life skills in the children
- ✓ Celebrate the lives of children living in orphanages
- ✓ Provide recreation to children in residential care institutions
- ✓ Help integrate children in residential care with the mainstream community
- ✓ A family event designed for children living in homes to mix and mingle in an atmosphere of fun and love on the sporting arena.

The orphans from our locality got the opportunity to join 800 other children in similar circumstances from around Zimbabwe for the 2014 edition which saw two full days wholly dedicated to Athletics and ball

games with the last day being a celebration depicted through song, dance and poetry.

The programme was lots of fun as the twelve homes battled on the field of play. It was a family event topped up with lots of food, fun games, a musical bash and a fireworks display.

Some of the children will be selected to attend the World Annual Sports Convention for orphans to be held in Poland towards the end of the year.

Participating Children's Homes

- ✓ Harare Children's Home (Harare)
- ✓ Chinyaradzo Children's Home (Harare)
- ✓ Khayalihle Children's Home (Bulawayo)
- ✓ Matthew Rusike Children's Home (Harare)
- ✓ Fairfield Children's Home (Rusape)
- ✓ Chiredzi Christian Children's Home (Chiredzi)
- ✓ Manhenga Children's Village (Inyanga)
- ✓ Ponesai Vanhu (Shamva)
- ✓ Midlands Children's Home (Gweru)
- ✓ John Smale Children's Home (Bulawayo)
- ✓ Mother of Peace (Mtoko)
- ✓ Ivordale Children's Home (Goromonzi)



Lion President Piraishe with Desmond Gwaku (left) who represented Zimbabwe at the Orphanages World Cup held in Poland last year



Lions came to see the Children off, Lion Jacob, Lion Costain, Lion President Piraishe, Lion Anthony and Prospective Lion Mrs. Mugabe from the Children's Home



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Lions Changed My Life

The story of Nicholas Matavire

In 2011, the then Lions Club President of Chiredzi, Lion Dr. James Mugwisi identified Nicholas Matavire, an 8 year old boy living among the blind community of Chiredzi. He was born with facial deformities and as a result had dropped out of school. His mother (who is now late) was blind and survived on handouts (begging) in the town of Chiredzi.

The Lion President had a vision to change this boy's life. In December of 2011, a team of Surgeons visited South Africa to carry out operations to fix people with Nicholas' condition. Normally these operations cost between US\$30,000 - US\$80,000 depending on the level of complexity. The Lions of Chiredzi raised money for Nicholas to travel to South Africa for this operation and also provided for his upkeep and the mother. **The operation was a success!**

The Lions took the next step and decided to enrol Nicholas back to school taking care of his school fees and uniforms. Nicholas is making steady progress towards his education and is currently top of his class studying Grade 5 at Shingai Primary School in Chiredzi.



Left: Nicholas Matavire and Lion James (2011)



Right: Nicholas Matavire today (2014)

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Dinner of Change

On the 28th of June, we held our Club Induction and ushered in a new Leadership for the 2014-15 term. This was a fun-filled event convened at Mkwasine Country Club and was graced by the First Vice District Governor, Lion Dr Alva Senderayi and Second Vice District Governor, Lion Eric Musesengwe among other dignitaries invited across the District. The guest of honour was the Managing Director for Malilangwe Trust, Mr Saunders.

The outgoing President, Lion David Saunyama saluted the Lions of Chiredzi for all the hard work they had put in his year as President and also the support rendered to him by the club members. The Lion of the Year accolade was shared by three Lions whose performance was outstanding in 2013-14 namely; Lion Judith Ndlovu, Lion Sam Homera and Lion Piraishe Mabhena.



Top (left): First Vice District Governor Lion Dr. Alva Senderayi, **(middle):** Lion President Piraishe Mabhena and **(right):** PDG Ray Sibanda, Zone 2B Chairman, Lion Caleb Jera and Second Vice District Governor Lion Eric Musesengwe

Above (left): Director of Ceremonies, PLDP Lion Cynthia Maweni-Ruvero and **(right):** Certificates awarded by the Guest of Honour, Mr. Saunders of Malilangwe Trust

Left: Chiredzi Lions Club Board 2014-15

The Leo Perspective

Leos Changeover Dinner

On the 20th of September 2014, the Leos held a joint Changeover Dinner at the Palm Tree Place in Chiredzi for the two Alpha Clubs, (Chiredzi Christian College and Chiredzi Government High School). The outgoing officers challenged the incoming board with their set of achievements which among others included the following projects; Donation of food stuffs to the orphanage; Donation of food stuffs to Chiredzi Prison; Donation of Stationery to Nandi Primary School; Tree Planting and numerous social fundraising functions. About eighteen new Leos were inducted, in a ceremony carried out by

outgoing Leo President for Chiredzi Christian College, Leo Pride Chuma.

In his address to the Leos, Lion President Piraishe urged the Leos to be exemplary in their behaviour and to protect the Lions brand by their deeds in **ALPHA** society. He also challenged the new boards led by Leo Tanyaradzwa (Chiredzi Government) and Leo Ester (Chiredzi Christian) to work together and develop into outstanding leaders.



Lion President Piraishe and the new Leo Boards



Lion President Piraishe (centre) & Leo Presidents, Leo Tanyaradzwa (left) and Leo Ester (right)



Induction of new Leos by outgoing President Leo Pride



Group photo after the Induction function

Themes for 2014-2015 (IP & District 412)

International President:

JOE PRESTON



Strengthen the Pride

A “pride” is a close-knit family of lions. Each member of the pride has responsibilities. Whatever the role, they work as a team, for survival and prosperity. If even one member of the pride does not fulfil its role, it can affect the entire group.

The dictionary definition of the word “Pride”—a feeling of happiness that you get when you or someone you know, does something good.

Through Service

Service has been the bedrock of Lions since 1917. It is the essence of who we are and what we do best.

Through Membership Development

Our focus is on service, but **our strength is directly tied to our members**. The more members we have, the more service we can provide.

Through Leadership

Leadership Development does not happen by accident. We can strengthen our clubs by developing strong club leaders.

Through Partnerships

We can **do more and accomplish more** when we work together with like-minded people, companies and organisations.

Through Giving

The more you give, the more you have to give. I don't understand how this happens or why, but it seems to happen.

Through Creativity

Get Creative. Create new avenues of communication and take advantage of the electronic age.

District Governor:

JEAN MATHANGA



Passion in Service

Passion is a strong enthusiasm for something.

With that strong enthusiasm, let us together build the District. Let's reactivate our Passion to serve. This is the reason why we are called Lions. Let us remember why we wear our blue uniform. Think of the distances we cover to move from one corner of the District to another. It is not for lack of better things to do in our respective areas, no. As much as it is true that individuals join Lionism for different reasons such as social; personal development; talent development; etc. Those reasons are valid, however, first and foremost, it is **Service**. Not just service, it is the service we are into out of choice.

Fellow Lions, we committed to be of service to mankind. We have been serving; we have carried out our business as Lions. A big question, one would ask:

- Are you serving passionately?
- Are you serving as if it all depends on you?
- Do you aim high to leave a mark?
- Do you aim to be the best?
- Do you believe in what you do?
- Do you engage in effective competition?
- Are you confident in what you do?

Time has come for us to reactivate our passion to service. It is time for renewal. We will not take “alright or average” as our mark, we will strive for excellence. We will stimulate our interest to Service through innovative ways of carrying out our business. We will embrace new ideas from young and new Lions. We will tap wisdom from past deep wells—our Old Lions. We will always want to be outstanding.

Lions Tail

Stock Market

Once upon a time in a village, a Merchant announced to the villagers that he would buy goats for \$20. The villagers, seeing that there were many goats around, went out to the forest and started catching them.

The Merchant bought thousands at \$20 and as supply started to diminish, the villagers stopped their effort. He further announced that he would now buy at \$30. This renewed the efforts of the villagers and they started catching goats again. Soon the supply diminished even further and people started going back to their farms.

The offer rate increased to \$35 and the supply of goats became so little that it was an effort to even see a goat, let alone catch it!

The Merchant now announced that he would buy goats at \$60! However, since he had to go to the city on some business, his assistant would now buy on behalf of him. In the absence of the man, the assistant told the villagers.

Look at all these goats in the big cage that the man has collected. I will sell them to you at \$50 and when the man returns from the city, you can sell it to him for \$70.

The villagers squeezed up with all their savings and bought all the goats. Then they never saw the man nor his assistant, only goats everywhere!

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Chiredzi Lions Calendar

October

- Induction Night & Social

November

- Diabetes Awareness / Screening

December

- Tree Planting
- Santa Shoebox

Board Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month, and **General Meetings** on the third Monday of every month.

Note: On 1st December 2014 and 19th January 2015, the Board and General Meetings will be combined.

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