



Did You See That?
Lions convene at South Eastern College for over sixty pupils and staff to attend eye clinic.

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Friday Feeding
Bellies were bursting with Lions feeding our blind community and Leos feeding the kids at Chiredzi Christian Children's Home.

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Seedlings and Saplings
Planting 500 trees is hard work, but Leos and Lions make it look easy.

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The INTREPID

Chiredzi Lion

The 2015 Blast Off Issue

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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.

Happy New Year 2015!

New Year is naturally a time for reflection and making bold, life changing decisions. An opportunity to start a new chapter in our lives, that is unshackled from the past. As Lions, it provides an excellent opportunity to build on the accomplishments of the past six months.

It's one thing to sit down and create a long list of resolutions, and it's another to have the self discipline to follow through with them. Instead of struggling with your list, just take one small step in the right direction. Don't waste time preparing—just start walking:

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step"

Chiredzi Lions willing be blasting into 2015 with a new courage and a new belief of what's possible.

—The Editorial Team

President's Message

Fellow Lions,

We have gone 6 months into the 2014-5 year and its unbelievable how time flies. As a club we have continued with wonderful acts of service to the Chiredzi Community in the last quarter.

Our sight campaign, tree planting and feeding efforts stood out in the past quarter and I would like to thank all the Lions, Leos and Prospective Lions who participated in these events.

We managed to forge yet another partnership with Hippo Valley Forestry Department. We hope that this partnership will continue to exist for the benefit of our environment and community.

As we enjoy the festivities that come with the month of December let us remember the millions of people who go to bed hungry each night. Let us try and share the little that we have with those less privileged members of our community.

In the month of January we shall continue with our feeding efforts. The International President has challenged us to honour our Founder Lion Melvin Jones by doing a special project in the second week of January. As Chiredzi we'll join this Global campaign and play our part.

The 53rd District Convention will be held in Bulawayo starting on the 30th April 2015. I would like to encourage all Lion members to register for the Bulawayo Convention.

Our Leos continue to put energy into our service efforts. We look forward to chartering new Leo Clubs in the next quarter.

Fellow Lions, let us continue to be leading light in Chiredzi.

Excellence is our Passion!



Lion Piraishe Mabhena
Lions Club of Chiredzi President 2014-15



DG Visit

Second Vice District Governor in Chiredzi

On Monday, the 20th of October 2014 the Second Vice District Governor, Lion Eric Musesengwe visited our Club on behalf of the District Governor, Lion Jean Mathanga. We took him on a tour of some of our club projects namely:

- The Chiredzi Children's Home, where he met some of the Children and the staff at the home who acknowledged the great work being done by the Lions at the home.
- The Blind Community where he met with members of the blind community and Nicholas' guardians whose school fees are being paid by the Lions among many other initiatives to help them.

- He also held a meeting with our Leo Leaders at Chiredzi Christian School.

The SVDG also attended our Club Business Meeting during which we inducted two new members, Lion Plaxedes and Lion Munyaradzi. We had an evening social and a fun-filled evening.

On his final day he in the company of a few senior Lions went to meet the District Administrator, Mrs. Muzenda to appeal to her office to support the Lions in their various activities.

Overall the Club members and the Leos were motivated by his visit.

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2nd Vice District Governor Eric Musesengwe congratulates new Lions Plaxedes and Munyaradzi and sponsor Lion Laiton



Lions meet Chiredzi District Administrator, Mrs Mzenda



Lion Eric and Lion Mathias with first issue of The Intrepid Chiredzi Lion



Lion Eric, Mrs Mzenda and Lion President Piraishe



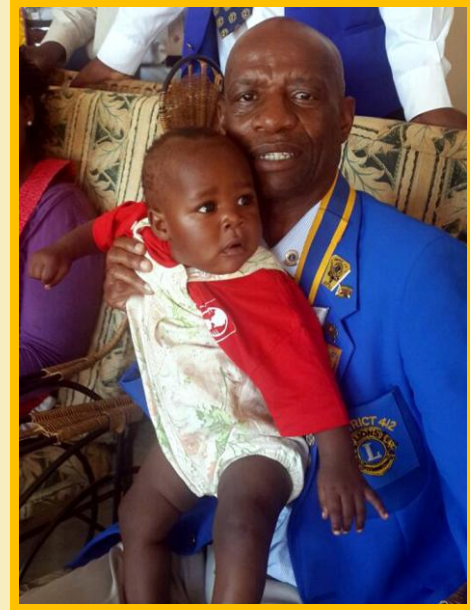
Lion President Piraishe, Lion Eric and Lion Costain



Lion Eric meeting the blind community



Lion Eric with kids from the children's home



Leo recruitment by Lion Eric Musesengwe

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One Hundred Kilograms of Sweetness

Tongaat Hulett Donates Sugar

On the 11th of December 2014, the Lions of Chiredzi received a donation of 100kg of Sugar from Tongaat

Hulett – Hippo Valley. This sugar will be distributed to members of the Chiredzi Blind Community at a Christmas lunch scheduled the 12th of December 2014.



Left to right: Junior Masara (Community Services – Hippo Valley), Lion Piraishe, Lion Ruth, Mr W. Mpofu (Hippo Valley Community Services Manager) and Lion Costain



Left to right: Lion President Piraishe, Mr W. Mpofu, Junior Masara and Lion Mathias

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That Friday Feeding

Lions Lunch with Blind and Leos Party at Children's Home

Blind Community

On the 12th of December 2014, it was **Feeding Friday** in Chiredzi. The Lions prepared and shared lunch with the members of the blind community in Chiredzi at their residence. After the hearty lunch the Lions distributed 40kg of Sugar to the two families. 7 Lions namely Piraishe, David, Costain, Ephias, Esther, Jacob, Laiton, 1 prospective Lion Aldrin and 2 Leos Tendai and Colin attend the event.



Left: Lions feast



Left: Feeding families of the blind community



Left: Lion David giving sugar

Right: Leo Chipso & Leo Karen

Children's Home

The Leos and Lions of Chiredzi hosted a Christmas Braai Party for the Chiredzi Christian Children's Home. This party was wholly sponsored by the Leos.

There was lots of food, drinks and music and the Leos and Lions had a refreshing afternoon with the kids. 8 Lions attended the braai namely Piraishe, David, Costain, Ephias, Jessy, Esther, Jacob, Laiton. At least 15 Leos attended the braai.



Right: Braai masters



Right: Delicious Braai



See the Difference

World Sight Day

On World Sight Day, 9th October 2014, Lions of Chiredzi convened an eye clinic at South Eastern College. Sixty-three pupils and staff members were screened with at least 15 found to be in need of attention. Thanks to Mr Gwisayi, an eye specialist from Mkwesine Estates who conducted the screening free of charge and the 13 Lions and Prospective Lions from Chiredzi who attended the event.

The theme for this year's World Sight day is: **No More Preventable Blindness.**

The mission of the Lions' SightFirst program is to support the development of comprehensive eye care

systems to fight the major causes of blindness and vision loss and care for the blind and visually impaired. The program funds high quality, sustainable projects that deliver eye care services, develop infrastructure, train personnel and/or provide rehabilitation and education in underserved communities.

Since its inception in 1990, LCIF's SightFirst program has played a key role in reducing blindness, especially blindness due to cataract. To date, the SightFirst program has awarded **US\$71.6 million for 526 cataract-related projects.**



Left to right: Lion Costain, Mr Gwisayi (Eye Specialist), Prospective Lion Munyaradzi, Lion Titus, Prospective Lion Justose, Lion Sam



Zone Meeting & Induction Social

A Massive Forty-five Lions Attend

On the 25th of October 2014, The Chiredzi Lions hosted the Zone 3A meeting at their Den in Chiredzi. This event was attended by 45 Lions from Zone 3A clubs i.e. Gweru, Zvishavane, Triangle and Chiredzi. We also had the Zone 3C Chairman Lion Thomson George Dube visiting our Zone on this day all the way from Hwange!

After the Zone meeting we had an evening social during which we inducted 2 new Lions. The guest of Honour for the evening function was the Provincial

Administrator for Masvingo Province, Mr Felix Chikovo. Mr Chikovo took time to express his gratitude on the part played by Zone 3A Lions to assist Tokwe-Mukosi victims of the floods earlier on this year. He also presented awards to all the Lions and Clubs who were involved in these efforts. The Zone Chair also presented awards to clubs that have performed well so far in the year. The rest of the evening was **Fun and Fellowship!**



Provincial Administrator, Mr Felix Chikovo with the Lion Leaders of Zone 3A and the Region Chair, Lion Cosmas Chisare



Lion President Piraishe receives a certificate from Provincial Administrator Felix Chikovo in respect of work done by Chiredzi Leos for Tokwe-Mukosi Dam disaster



Left to right: Lion President Jaison (Gweru), Lion Cosmas (Region 3 Chair), Lion President Elliot (Zvishavane), Immediate Past President Lion Elipas (Triangle), Mr Felix Chikovo (Provincial Administrator), Lion President Piraishe (Chiredzi), Lion David (Zone 3A Chairman), Lion Thompson (Zone 3C Chair)



Zone 3A Lions

A Forest of Trees

Five Hundred Seedlings Planted

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 assist the Lions and Leos with the planting.



Leos collecting seedlings



500 Eucalyptus/Gum trees to plant



Leo Chipo



Leo Kudzai



Lion Jessie and Leo Memory



Lion President Piraishe



Mr Joseph Mandava (Forestry Manager) & Lion President Piraishe



Leo Collin, Leo Tendai and Leo Memory



Hard earned break



Refreshments after a hard day's work



Tree planting Lions and Leos

Lions Tail

Did you know...?

1. Your shoes are the first thing people notice about you. Wear nice shoes.
2. If you sit for more than 11 hours a day, there's a 50% chance you'll die within the next 3 years.
3. There are at least 6 people in the world who look exactly like you. There's a 9% chance that you'll meet one of them in your lifetime.
4. Sleeping without a pillow reduces back pain and keeps your spine stronger.
5. A person's height is determined by their father, and their weight is determined by their mother.
6. If a part of your body "falls asleep", you can usually "wake it up" by shaking your head.
7. There are 3 things the human brain cannot resist noticing—food, attractive people and danger.
8. Right-handed people tend to chew food on their right side.
9. According to Albert Einstein, if honey bees disappeared from the earth, mankind would be dead within 4 years.
10. There are so many varieties of apple, that if you ate a new one every day, it would take over 20 years to try them all.
11. Laziness and inactivity kills just as many people as smoking.
12. People who laugh a lot are healthier than those who do not.

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Chiredzi Lions Calendar

January

- Reading Action Program – Stationery Donation to Nandi Primary School

February

- City Cleanup Campaign
- General Meeting & Social
- Induction Night & Social

March

- Measles Campaign
- General Meeting & Elections

April

- Social

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