



THE LEO ROAR!!

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE LEO CLUBS DISTRICT 412

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Coach Jim Graver started the Leo ball rolling in 1957 and chances are that ball was a baseball. Graver was the baseball coach of the Abington High School in Pennsylvania, USA and an active member of the Glenside Lions Club. With help from his fellow Lion, William Ernst, the first Leo club was chartered on December 5, 1957.. In October 1967, the board of directors of Lions Clubs International adopted the Leo Club Program as an official program of the association.

The Leo Club Program has been growing strong for over 50 years. Community service remains the cornerstone of the program. Like their Lion counterparts, Leo club members enjoy serving their neighbors and watching positive results unfold. The Leo Clubs remain one of the largest youth voluntary organization with a global presence in 140 countries and with a focus on humanitarian work, leadership development and all-round service. Leo Clubs District 412 Comprises Leo Clubs (Omegas- community based Leo Clubs & Alphas- School based Clubs) in 4 countries, Mozambique, Malawi, Botswana & Zimbabwe)

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District 412 Ambassador represents at a US Leo-Lions meeting

Leo Sebastian still continues his active role in promoting humanitarian works in District 412. This time around, he was in Minnesota, US making an inspiring presentation at a District meeting. The meeting was attended by Lions mainly from Minnesota. It was also graced by representatives Lions from the cabinet, District Governor of the hosting district DG Joan Blank, past district governors, vice district governors and Lion presidents notably president of the hosting Lions club, Cologne Lions Club Lion President Anna Wickenhauser. The meeting was also attended by the Mayor Matt Lein of the hosting town.

In his speech he highlighted the work being done by Leos from District 412 and Lions were amazed by the various projects being done by young people. He also talked about the various projects that we have been trying to do as D412 but without adequate resources especially the Library project. The Leo Ambassador also spoke about



Projects being done Harare the Phoenix Lions and their desire to twin with Lions clubs within the US.

Results of the Meeting

- A book drive will be run in the US to find books to donate to the Library being renovated
- An international twinning Program will start between clubs in D412 and Clubs in Minnesota
- The Ambassador will be speaking at the Minnesota Lions



Mid-Winter Convention in February representing D 412

- The aim is to raise around 2000 books for the Library
- Start a fundraising account for D412 projects.
- The ambassador

received three awards on behalf of D412: International president's Honor, District General's Honor and President's Honor

Leo Sebastian with DG Joan Blank below



Leo Club has helped me become a better person", by Leo Tafara- St David's Bonda Girls High Tailtwister

Let me start by saying being a Leo has not only taught me how to help others but it has also taught me how to be a better person. Looking back at St David's Girls High, the Orphanage Club was transformed to Leo Club in 2011. Most students then did not even know what Leo was all about but because they were willing to serve, they saw it as a risk worth taking. Since then not only did the club become bigger and better but its members have become better people. Not only did Leo help me become individual, but it also and a second family.



As St David's Leos, we

have managed to

overcome challenges and have grown and become better through prayer and hard work. We have experienced great achievements this year which include most of us being appointed into the schools leadership (prefects) and our club president being made the Headgirl of the school.

It goes without saying that the appointments have been influenced by the leadership training and experience we get from our participation in the Leo Clubs.

I joined the club in 2012 and since then I can surely say I have become a better person. Back then, I did not know that while I throw away a half filled plate of food simply because it's not tasting good enough someone else sleeps without even eating not because it's not tasting good but because they do not have. This has shown me that we are there for a reason. The fact I am alive should change the life of the person next to me. One does not only help in form of cash or kind but by simply giving a shoulder, being there when needed and simply making the next person smile. One other thing I got to understand is

no one ever intended to be orphaned or to be disadvantaged thus I should not take my privileges for granted but rather put them to good use by appreciating them and using them to better serve the next person.

After all has been said me finish by telling all the over the world that let's serving because we are bettering the local, international community. necessarily have to be a rich to influence positively person's life. Just smiling person next to you and you will definitely make the world a better place.

As Leos; just like our Lions, like our motto says: we are truly there to serve too!!



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Mother Teresa: The Global Icon of Selfless Social Service

Mother Teresa was a true follower of humanity. Many people considered Mother as the "reincarnated form of Lord Jesus". Mother Teresa devoted her entire life in serving the needy and abandoned people of the society.

The original name of Mother Teresa was Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu. She was born in Skopje, the capital of Macedonia, on 26 August, 1910. In 1919, when she was eight years old, Agnes lost her father, a noted politician in Albania. At the age of twelve, she felt strongly the "call of God". Her religious foundation developed further and in 1928, she left Skopje to join the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Ireland. The institution was popularly known as Sisters of Loreto. There, she received the name Sister Mary Teresa. After a training of around six months in Dublin, the capital of Ireland, Teresa was sent to India. On 24 May, 1931 she took her initial vows as a nun.



Contributions

For around next 15 years, Mother Teresa taught at St. Mary's High School in Kolkata. She also became the principal of the school. On 10 September, 1946, while traveling to Darjeeling, North-Bengal, for the annual retreat Mother realized "the call within call". She felt as if the Jesus was asking her to come out of the walls and serve the down-trodden people.

The feeling was so intense that on 17 August, 1947, Mother dressed in white, blue bordered sari left the Convent. In December 1950, Mother for the first time visited the slums of Calcutta. Although she had no funds, she started an open-air school for slum children. Soon she was joined by many voluntary organizations, which provided Mother, a crucial financial support. She founded the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India in 1950

By 1996, she was operating 517 missions in more than 100 countries. Over the years, Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity grew from twelve to thousands serving the "poorest of the poor" in 450 centers

around the world.

Teresa's Missionaries of Charity continued to expand, and at the time of her death it was operating 610 missions in 123 countries, including hospices and homes for people with HIV/AIDS, leprosy and tuberculosis, soup kitchens, children's and family counselling programs, orphanages, and schools.

Awards

She won the **Nobel Peace Prize** in 1979 and India's highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna, in 1980 for her humanitarian work. Mother Teresa had first been recognized by the Indian government more than a third of a century earlier when she was awarded the Padma Shri in 1962 and the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding in 1969 for her **social works**.

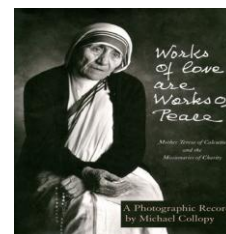
In 2010 on the 100th anniversary of her birth, she was honoured around the world, and her work praised by Indian President Pratibha Patil.

Her Last Days

After 1980, Mother suffered some serious health problems including two cardiac arrests. Despite the problems, Mother herself governed the Missionaries of Charity and its branches, as efficiently as earlier. In April 1996, Mother Teresa fell and broke her collar bone. Since then, Mother's health started declining. On September 5, 1997, Mother Teresa passed away.

Devoting her life to the service of the poor and dispossessed Mother Teresa became a global icon for selfless service to others.

<http://sagarika-satapathy.blogspot.com/2011/02/mother-teresa-devoting-her-life-to.html> posted by Sagarika Satapathy @ 11:16 PM





Food for thought... By The Second Vice District President

Anything can happen, when you take a chance and open your eyes to all possibilities. For this Leoistic year as DISTRICT 412 the only way we can be able to INTERGRATE AND INSPIRE THROUGH SERVICE is by changing the inner attitudes of our minds, to alter the outer aspects of our lives.

For the first half of our year, we have been visiting orphanages, old people's homes, hospitals and we have been attending council meetings. That is experience.

But are we taking that as an opportunity to make a difference in other people's lives? Are we worthy to say the statement "We were here" after being given the opportunity to serve? Are we really reflecting the future generation leaders? Would other people have a

testimony of the positive effect we had on their lives? Or maybe we have taken another twist in a turn where we are



PUSH! Leo Andrew Tsuro Trust Academy Leo Club President 2013-2014

When the world is sitting, WE will be standing!
 When the world is standing, WE will be standing out!
 When the world is standing out, WE will be OUTSTANDING!
 Why ladies and gentlemen will we be OUSTANDING, is because we fell 7 times and stood up 8 times with the same vigour and vitality as the first time!
 When the world shouted from the highest balconies for us to give up and give in, WE kept going!
 Progress has very little to do with speed but more to do with Direction. WE do not care how many times you have fallen, as long as you rise! Our strength lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall. Folks, we do not drown by falling in water, but by staying in it!

To succeed, we have to walk out of the water and walk the extra mile – though the extra mile can be 1000 miles away:
 Along the 1000 mile walk, friends might turn to foes, keep trusting and PUSH;
 Along the 1000 mile walk, prayers may seem unanswered and bounce off roofs, keep praying and have faith that takes the first step, (even when the staircase is not visible) and PUSH;
 Along the 1000 mile walk, mountain highs may turn to valley lows; keep on keeping on and PUSH;

opting for plastic surgery when we really know plastic surgery cannot change rotten personalities!

These are some of the questions we should really reflect on before we start the second half of the year. I hope that we are all willing to be the Melvin Jones in other people's lives. We cannot run away from the fact that pain and injustice are all around us. That can make us feel overwhelmed. But God calls us to reflect his heartbroken compassion and longing for justice by focusing on what we can to change things and help people. Mother Theresa warned, "The poor don't need us as much as we need the poor". That's because serving broken people draws us closer to the God who loves them and this directs us to the grand essentials in this life. These are something to do, something to love and something to hope for.

Take heed and make a difference! Remember you are not alone in this quest to feed, clothe and inspire thy neighbour!

Yours in Leoism
 Leo Kundai Mashingaidze
 District 2nd Vice President

Along the 1000 mile walk, honey might turn to vinegar; keep testing the beauty of love and pain and PUSH;

Along the 1000 mile walk, the urge to give up might feel familiar than the need to reach fulfillment and gratification, but, PUSH!

PUSH, ladies and gentlemen, Persevere Until Something Happens!
 From a distance WE watched a man hammer a rock. He hammered it with sweat on his brow but it had no effect whatsoever on the rock.

After we all thought he should give up and let it go, he gave the rock a relatively weak 100th blow and guess what, IT shattered into pieces!
 WE defend to death that it's not the 100th blow that caused the shatter, but the 99 blows before. READER, wherever you are, whatever difficulty or problem you face, the 100th blow is NOT around the corner but right NEXT TO YOU, SO PUSH.



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Leos in the Community



Marylyn Ntibane -> District 412 Leos and Lions Mundi LEO Club serving. The club held a prize giving ceremony for a neighbouring primary school, St Severino. 23 pupils were awarded prizes in various categories: academic excellence, sportsmanship, punctuality and smartness, from ECD to grade 7. The club pays school fees for a grade four pupil at this school.
Go LEOs!!!!

Photos from Marylyn Ntibane's post in District 412 Leos and Lions · Sep 27 ·
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Pritchard Muzanarwo
and also download the spotlight on children form and send it



Above: Regina Mundi- Gweru Zimbabwe

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

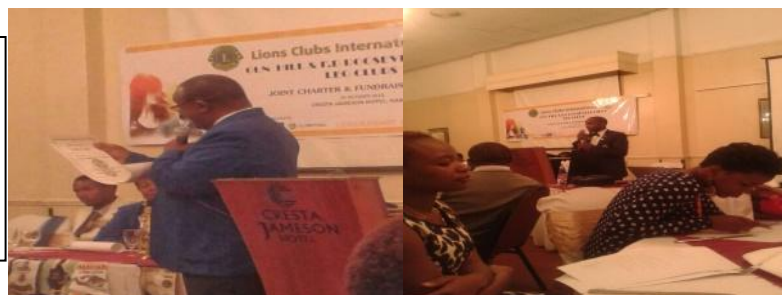
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Above: Gun Hill Urn donation to Parirenyatwa Hospital Children's oncology ward 28.09.13



Above: Gun Hill Leo club visit and toothbrush donation to Bumhudzo Home for the elderly, Chitungwiza 15.11.13



Above: Joint Charter Celebration and Fundraising dinner for Gun Hill & F.D Roosevelt Leo Clubs 25.10.13



The Bumhudzo Christmas Party;
30.11.13



DISTRICT

OBJECTIVES TRACKER



GOALS FOR THE YEAR

- Immensely train... and Develop Leos!!
- Train and train, workshops, seminars this time with Professionals!!!
- Increase mentorship- career wise and professionally..
- Engage and engage the community

Leo Clubs: Name of Section

Upcoming events

The Omega Leo Clubs camp in Nyanga, 1st weekend of March

Convention 2014, Harare , Zimbabwe- Venue: Prince Edward School



Training: 2 workshops for Region 2 & 3 – 121 Leos in attendance for Region 2 on 05.10.13 at Kutama College and over 50 for Regina Mundi held in 1 Feb 2014

Charter Tracker

Completed; 5 out of the targeted 7

Clubs chartered this year;

- Gun Hill Leo Club 28
- Roosevelt Girls
- St. Davids Bonda
- St Faith`s (Fisco)
- Okavango International School

Pending Charters: Watershed College, Kriste Mambo, submissions already made

Congratulations to the Chartered Clubs!! and we keep our fingers crossed to have the remaining 2 clubs being processed, as we await to surpass our Target!!

The International President's Visit in pictures by LDP

The Lions Clubs

Feedback from The African Leaders Forum on Disability- Lilongwe 9-10 February 2014 **Background of the Forum**

The Forum was an invitation facilitated by Her Excellency Joyce Banda after her announcement at the Clinton Global Initiative Forum in the US, in September 2013. As an affiliate of the Lions Clubs International under their Youth Program of the Leo Clubs, we were invited to participate at the forum. The forum was meant to spearhead Africa's social inclusion with the disabled. The disability however, included both physical and intellectual disability.

The Forum was co sponsored by Special Olympics International, and other partner organisations included the Lions Clubs International, UNICEF, Golisano Foundation, Catholic Relief Services and International Red Cross Society.

As a President, I have already noted transformation is a process facilitating a future empowered generation of leaders with a passion of service for others before self. And I am glad the world is also noticing.

Our Lions Clubs International President Barry J. Palmer has already commended on our attitude in our positive influence towards capacitating the underprivileged, and our peers into being socially responsible. I hang his banner in my office everyday and wear his pin The LCI theme for the year; Follow your dream and his friendship as to remind me of how success follows excellence. I was interviewed by the Lions clubs international president and the video was streamed on our international page and his Facebook page. The link of the interview is as follows:

https://m.facebook.com/LCIBarryPalmer?v=timeline&page=1§ionLoadingID=m_timeline_loading_div_1393660799_0_36_1&timeend=1393660799×tart=0&tm=AQCLoxccIJBnGan4&refid=17

His determination for the Leo program is like no others. It seems he is so eager to facilitate the next generation of service minded leaders. And he quotes, "I prefer inspiration to motivation" because inspiration is intrinsic. We have already received an invitation to attend the Lions Clubs International convention in July 2014, in Toronto Canada.. But before all of this, we hope YOU will help us in our District convention in April 2014, in Harare, when we expect to host an entrepreneurship program and all the other transformational cues we hope to equip our Club members and other youths with.

The pictures of the event are as below.

Soon after Accreditation in Lilongwe, with our Lions District Governor, Lion Clever Mugadza (in navy blue golf t-shirt)



At the Press Briefing: Golden Peacock Hotel, Lilongwe

At the Bingu International Conference Center: After the Forum, together with my other board members

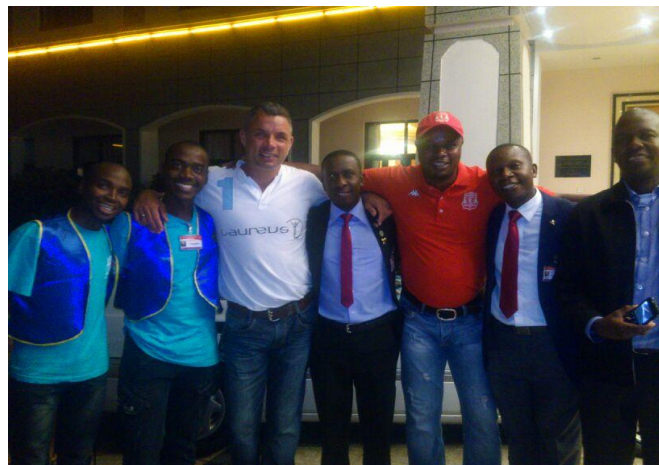


Below: **At the feedback meeting**, The Leo District 412 President (L) with the International President (from Australia) & Lion Pape (from Kenya) and Leo Takudzwa Zvobgo (Midlands State University Leo Club & International Advisory panelist) which I co-chaired with our Lions Clubs International President, Barry J. Palmer. This was a feedback meeting on the projects being carried out through the program by the youths in our District. The IP also spoke about what other Leo Clubs across the globe are doing. **Right;** Leos with Lion

Piraishe “Wangu Pee” Mabhena from Chiredzi (Zimbabwe) Lions club in the middle), almost cut because of the height. **This was before departure for the State banquet at the Kamuzu Palace, home to her excellency Lion Joyce banda**



Below: The friendship banner presentation made to Lions Clubs International President, Barry J. Palmer by The International president. This was presented during the banquet held at Sunbird Capital Hotel in Lilongwe in the Presence of the International President of Special Olympics International, Dr. Timothy Shriver (Grandson to 42nd US President John F. Kennedy) and his Vice President David Angelista, Immediate Past International President Wayne Maden amongst other Dignatories.



Above: Leos with legendary footballers, Mark Fish & Phil Masinga and PDG Hastings from Zambia



Above: Leo Tino (Gun Hill Leos, Harare Zimbabwe) Left, and Leo Joe Mpanga (Capital City, Lilongwe Leo club (Malawi) at the stadium, taking a break



Right; Leos having a chat with the Zimbabwe Minister of Foreign affairs, Hon. Simba Mumbengegwi (centre)

LEOS IN THE COMMUNITY

Goromonzi High School Leo Club simple project
Goromonzi School Leo Club keeps on showing their peers what service mindedness entails. They took time off their books to demonstrate that in as much as charity begins at home, it should never stay there but expand into the community. This is the same club that had a surprise birthday for their Headmaster, this time they went out into the community to help a local Family, The Mhariwas. Below: members in action, Leb by their President; Tadiwa Bepete



Leo Forget, from Redcliff Omegas (Zimbabwe), poses with PDG Lion Dr. Pateson Mapanda, in white (who seems to be writing a prescription) and his spouse, Lion Dr. Patricia Mapanda. The Leos helped during the Lions Charter Dinner held on the 1st of February 2014.

LEO CLUBS DISTRICT 412 CONVENTION

DATES; 18-21 APRIL 2014

VENUE: PRINCE EDWARD SCHOOL, HARARE ZIMBABWE

REGISTRATION

BOOKING FEE- USD 20 DUE 15 MARCH 2014

BALANCE; USD 60 DUE 31 MARCH

LATE REGISTRATION FEE; USD 100

NB; ALL CLUBS SHOULD ENSURE THEY ARE IN GOOD STANDING TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE





OKAVANGO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL LEO CLUB CHARTER DINNER, by LDP Pritchard

As District 412, we are proud to have one of the youngest Leo Clubs in the WORLD! The OIS Leo Club was chartered on the 28th of November 2013, with a membership whose average age is 12 years OLD!!! The Club is Based in Maun, about 500km away from Francistown, Botswana and is sponsored by the Maun Greater Lions Club. They held their Charter celebrations (Internationaal Certifacte of Organisation) on the 1st of March 2014, in Maun)

The youngest Club Chief Executive Officer is Thoko Horacious, who is 14 years old; his speech was about 2 lines long, an implementation of the KISS principle (Keep It Short and Sweet). I managed to travel to Maun with Leo Wilson (District Treasurer), Leo Dr. Tatenda and Leo Zororo Marira for this even. Thanks to PDG Lion Frances Palmer for facilitating!!! And the Palmers (Lion Selwynn & Lion Rendell)



Below: The youngest CEO, presumably in the world, 14 year old Leo Thoko Horacious, gives his short and sweet acceptance Speech.



Above: 1ST Vice President of Greater maun lions Club, lion Faith Mukoko swarm the Chater and the Leo District 412 Board representatives as Lion David, the Pricincipal of Okavango international School holds firmly the charter., to ensure it goes nowhere.



What's next after Leo?

After moving countries and continents, I always wondered what was going to happen to my life as a Leo. Having been a Leo since 2008, first as part of St Dominic's Leo Club from establishment and later on Gunhill Leo Club also from establishment, I wished to continue with my service work.

Making use of the Lions International Directory, I tried to find and contact Leo clubs but unfortunately very few existed and even less were active in England. I received no responses from the multiple emails I sent. Due to the red tape, I could not start my own at school and I did not know enough people to be able to start one outside of school. I then got into contact with the Lions Club of Northampton 80 and managed to join them for a few business meetings.

While on my gap year, I got into contact with Lion Cath Kendall, President of Northampton Lions Club. I was invited to join them for their business meetings where I shared my experiences as a Leo from Zimbabwe.



Northampton Lions Club President Cath Kendall pictured with Cathy.

I was then invited to join their Lions Club and on 19th February 2014, the induction ceremony took place where I was made a Lion officially, along with two other new members.

It was amazing for me, as I met the clubs charter member, who has been a part of Northampton Lions Club for 45years.

Hearing his experiences as a Lion and also the projects he has gotten involved in was a great motivational experience.



Lion Cathy with the clubs charter member and one of the new club members.

So after completing Advanced Levels, moving schools or countries and you ask yourself, "**What next after Leo?**" the answer is very simple. There are multiple Omega Leo Clubs one can join; especially in Zimbabwe where there is a high presence of very active Leos or you could start your own. Make use of The Lions Directory and the multiple resources made available to you as a Leo. I look forward to this new chapter of my life, serving as a Lion and learning as much as I can and at the same time, sharing my ideas as the youngest member of the club. Continue serving, giving back and know that wherever you are, there is a way through Leo/Lions.

We Serve
Lion Chipso Cathrine Mapfumo (former Board member Leo District 412)
Northampton Lions Club (UK)

IP's visit continued...



Above: Leos took time to play foosball Leo George (R) (capital city Leo Club) mesmerizes Leo Irene (Assistant District Secretary from Watershed Leo Club, Marondera, Zimbabwe) while Leo Tino admires (behind Leo Irene).



Above: Lions of District 412 escort the International President at his visit to the Sight First Project, The Lions Clubs Lilongwe Eye Hospital



Above; Leos from District 412 with the International President, Lion Barry j. Palmer, and the Malawi assistant District Chair, Lion Pierre Mbisa from Bwaila Lions Club. The Leos did the traditional leo Roar! Which left the International President in amusement. He further requested that the District do the same during the International Convention in Toronto, Canada in July 2014.



Left; Leos prepare for the IP's arrival at the Lions Eye Hospital in Lilongwe; Below: Leos with Lion Elsie Davies at the Hospital



Left; The twins; prospective Leos Lara & Laura pose for a pic