

## BULAWAYO PEACE POSTER ROCKS HARARE JUDGES

### Ecstatic Bulawayo grandmother celebrates!

In our second issue of MATOPOS ROCKS, we catch up as promised with the local Bulawayo school boy Mbonisi Ndhlovu. His peace poster was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> by judges in the District heat of the International Lions Club Peace Poster Art Contest this November 2014 in Harare.

Competing at District level, this year posters were titled “Peace, Love and Understanding”. Talented 13 year old government school boy, Mbonisi Ndhlovu, a pupil at Trenance Primary School in Bulawayo, compete against entries from schools across Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe, this geographical area of countries are Lion District 412.

Orphaned Mbonisi lives with maternal grandparents and his sister, Sinqobile. Encouraging Grandmother, Mrs Matilda Dube said “he picks up a pad and begins to sketch!” Ecstatically adding, *“I am happy, more than the word happy!” Mbonisi got the art bug, suddenly when he was 8 or 9 years old, just started drawing!* Loves basketball, his best subjects at school are Maths and English, but Mbonisi wants to follow his dream, *“to be a full time artist using paint and sketching”*.

With the high standards seen in the competition, gaining 3<sup>rd</sup> place was no small achievement. Mbonisi proudly joins a list of artists making a difference, one Peace Poster at a time. Asked what the hands in his drawing symbolized, *peace, heart, unity*, he said *“many people will be united in understanding as well as many countries; blacks and whites!”*, *“I mixed colours which fit”*. Perhaps through awareness, a more Peaceful, Loving and Understanding world is assured for generations to come. After all, *“Youth today, are the future citizens and leaders of tomorrow’s World”*.

The Bulawayo heat of the annual Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest is preceded by art workshops organised by the Lions Club of Matopos, in conjunction with local artists and the National Art Gallery Bulawayo. Information regarding the 2015 International Lions Club Peace Poster Art Contest, can be obtained from local primary schools or by directly contacting Lion President Ruth, this being her baby in Bulawayo. If you are interested in seeing more winning peace posters, follow the link:- <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/our-work/youth-programs/peace-poster-contest/index.php>

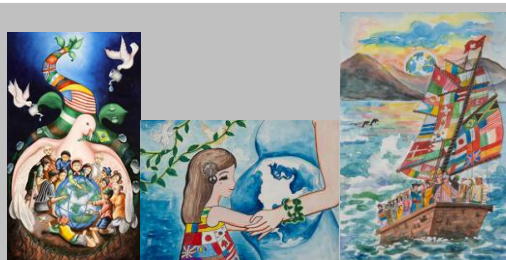


Top Left: Mbonisi Ndhlovu with his poster - “I mixed colours which fit”

Top Right: Mbonisi with his art teacher

Middle: Mbonisi Ndhlovu with Mrs Matilda Dube (Grandmother) and his sister

Bottom: Previous Winning Peace Posters



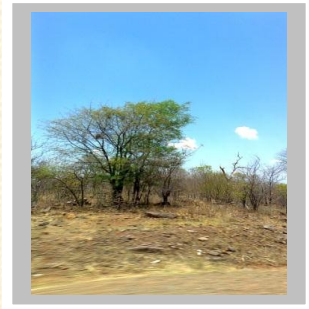


## Future Growth of Trees and Lions Club

Future growth of the Lions Club of Matopos is on track and includes investing in new life with the Charter in November of NUST Matopos Leo Club and also the planned planting of 5 trees at NUST (National University of Science and Technology). Mr Gaule, the Director of Physical Planning, Work & Estate at NUST is looking forward to the planting ceremony scheduled for 10am on Friday 12 December 2014 at NUST (National University of Science and Technology).

The new Omega Leo Club of NUST together with enhancing the environment through tree planting spells an exciting chapter for Lions Club of Matopos, in Bulawayo. There is the potential for future club growth as the LEOs of today, current students and graduates of the university, maybe our LIONS of tomorrow. Planting trees and nurturing our environment for all to enjoy, makes good sense now. Working to enhance the lives, for happier healthier citizens of the world, is what the Lions Club constantly strive to achieve.

Watch for future developments and more on our growth programme in both club and the environment. Contact if you have any queries or want to donate to the tree planting programme – GROWTH 2014/15



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### Special\*\*\*

In future issues of MATOPOS ROCKS, we will showcase diverse talent and introduce the pride of Lions who are "Lions Club of Matopos", hopefully beginning with Lion Maurice Nyamuda, the newly appointed LEO Advisor of NUST Leo Club of Matopos

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### DIARY 2014-2015

- **Last Meeting in 2014**  
8 December 2014 - 6.00pm
- **Lion Maurice - Birthday**  
10 December
- **Tree Planting GROWTH2014/15**  
12 December 2014 - 10.00am  
NUST
- **Zone Christmas Party**  
13 December 2014 - 6.00pm for 6.30pm  
Bulawayo Lions Club Den, Cecil Ave, Hillside
- **Lion Herbert - Birthday**  
23 December
- **Lion Daniel - Birthday**  
2 January
- **Lion Debbie - Birthday**  
11 January
- **First Meeting in 2015**  
12 January 2015 - 5.30pm for 6.00pm
- **45<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary Dinner**  
7 February 2015 - 6.00pm for 6.30pm  
St Patrick's Hotel

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## LIONS CLUB OF MATOPOS ROCKS NUST MATOPOS LEO CLUB

The Lions Club of Matopos rocks with "Congratulations" and "excitement" on Tuesday, 25 November 2014, the official charter of the new NUST Matopos Leo Club. The twenty-four charter members are all either current university students or graduates. Leo clubs are a sponsored youth organization, a part of Lions Clubs International and founded in the year 1957 by Jim Graver, an active Lion and the then coach of a Pennsylvania high school baseball team.

**L E O** stands for **L**eadership – **E**xperience - **O**ppportunity

Young men and women aged 12 to 30 years, LEO Club members, are encouraged to serve their community. There are two tracks of the Leo Club Program, Alpha and Omega. Alpha Leo clubs have members aged between 12 and 18 years, while Omega Leo club members are between 18 and 30 years of age.

The international Leo Club Objective is, *"to provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international community"*.

The Lions Club of Matopos as sponsoring club, have the responsibility of providing the newly chartered (Omega) NUST Matopos Leo Club with experienced pride members whose role is to guide and support the LEO club. In this instance the guidance of Lion Maurice Nyamuda and Lion Beverley Wood, NUST Matopos Leo Club, newly appointed LEO Advisor and Co-Advisor. Their reaction to being given this important job of NUST Matopos Leo Club Advisors..... \*\*\* Check future issues!



LEADERSHIP  
EXPERIENCE  
OPPORTUNITY



Left:

Standing - Charter members of  
NUST Matopos Leo Club

Seated – Immediate Past District  
Governor Lion Clever Mugadza

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## LIONS SUPPORT THE LAW

A Bulawayo grandfather and former civil servant, Mr Mpofu, has received a positive Christmas outcome from the Lions Club of Matopos. His financial assistance appeal, for his grandson a second year University of Zimbabwe student, was in part met by the club.

The grandson started at Khumalo Primary School and from grade 1 to "A" levels, maintained a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place in class, end of year placement. After successfully completing his "A" levels, was accepted to study Law at the University of Zimbabwe. His father was a flight officer at Thornhill Airforce Base, Gweru but sadly the boy was orphaned in 1998, both parents dying within nine months of each other. The boy was left in the care of grandparents who are now finding life difficult financially. Grandfather, Mr Mpofu sent a touching letter appealing for financial support of his grandson still at university. The Lions Club of Matopos agreed a donation to help the Bulawayo law student, studying in Harare.

Mr Mpofu has since visited the club meeting on 24 November 2014, and as he put it "he sent out an SOS and the Lions answered his call". He said both he and his wife appreciate the help offered by the Lions, and that he lives by the POWERFUL words THANKYOU, SORRY and PLEASE. In his thank you address, he spoke of the nine lepers in the bible who did not thank Jesus for healing them; he wanted to be like the tenth leper. He also added, he didn't want to be an Oliver Twist, asking for more, but instead, as much as he wanted more, was grateful to be given anything at all by the Lions Club of Matopos.

As Christmas draws near we are reminded as we are annually, "to do good deeds", and it warms the heart to have people like this caring Bulawayo grandfather, value our efforts. Everyone wants to feel appreciated!

**WISHING YOU ALL HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
PEACEFUL NEWYEAR 2015  
AND REMEMBER  
YOU CAN MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY  
SPECIAL**



**NOVEMBER FUN BINGO AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
"MATOPUS ROCKS"..... RJ**