

DISTRICT 412

PASSION IN SERVICE



MARCH 2015

LIONS DISTRICT 412 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER



The District 412 Governor Lion Jean Mathanga participating in the tree planting session at Rutendo High School with Leo club members

We Protect Our Environment

‘Service with Passion’
‘Strengthen the Pride’



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The Lions Creed

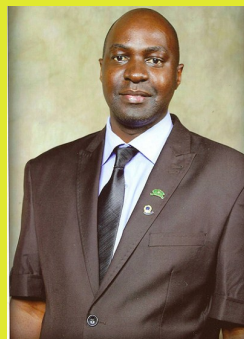
A person who achieves success, who lives well, laughs often and loves much; who gains the respect of intelligent people and the love of little children.

Who fills a niche and accomplishes his or her task, who leaves the world better than he or she found it whether by a brighter flower, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul.

Who always sees the best in others and gives the best he or she has; whose life is an inspiration, whose memory is a benediction.

That person is a LION.

Editorial Comments



Fellow Lions,

Yet another month has gone by and our journey in Lionism continues. This month we focus on making our Environment a better place for us to live NOW and in FUTURE. Our environment plays a pivotal role in shaping our various destinies and we can influence our destinies by ensuring that our environment depicts what we want to character our future!

The month of April is Convention time for both the Lions and the Leos. Are you registered for any of these events. Be sure not to miss out on these annual events. Have a say in the selections of leaders in your District. Remember to ensure that your Club is in good standing to avoid the 'chop'. It is also time to choose new leaders for your club. Remember to do your PU101 before the 15th of May to inform Lions Club International of the new office bearers. Ensure that the new club leaders have ample time to prepare for the year ahead.

You may also need to note that the month of April is also Leo Club Awareness month and the Challenge is for your club to show the strength of your Leos!

It is always inspiring to read the multiple success stories coming from all corners of the District, keep up the good work fellow Lions.

With PASSION, WE SERVE!

Lion Piraishe Mabheka

D412 Newsletter Editor



FROM THE DG's DESK



Dear Fellow Lions;

March, has gone by. What was your Club's impact in your community? Did you make a difference? Did you involve your youth in planning and executing a service activity? Did you consider your environment? Were needy people fed in your community? Did you help those people with vision challenges?

It is my belief that we all are participating in the **GLOBAL ACTION CAMPAIGN**.

In my travels, visiting clubs, I have sometimes been asked who exactly are Lions. I have given those who ask, the proper answer. For sure we are not "just men and women in Blue blazers". And I feel, one would not sound boastful if you were to say that Lions are "Everyday Heroes".

As I visited Clubs in the month under review, I saw Lions helping those with vision loss adjust to their condition; I saw Lions give our youth Opportunities to explore and grow into responsible Citizens; I saw Lions taking care of our environment; I saw Lions feeding the hungry; I saw Lions clothing our old citizens. I saw Lions making those with nothing to cover themselves with at night cover themselves. It was Lions day after day. Our service fill the gaps in our communities. Lions in our District are indeed everyday heroes. Thank you Lions for the Passion in Service!

President Joe Preston urges us to Roar with Conviction and put our paw prints all over our communities. Let us not sell ourselves short. There is a lot we can accomplish if we only re cultivate our Passion. Nelson Mandela once said and I quote, "There is no Passion to be found playing small-in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living". Fellow Lions, therefore find the role within your club that best suits you and discover the project for your club that best fits your community.

Let us maximise the use of our time and effort in the remaining months to make sure we finish strong. We need to finish the year with the PASSION with started with. Let us aim at ending the year with good projects; strong membership; good club administration practices. All these will translate into finishing with **STRONG CLUBS**.

April is here now. Remember concentration in this month is on Membership Growth. It is a month to invite and involve Family and Friends. It is a month in which we make sure that we invite as many new members as possible. If we have not invited any new member in the past eight months, be sure to invite one this month. We will be chartering two new clubs in the District within the month. So let us all make April a Membership Month.

Lions, by inviting more community-spirited individuals into our clubs and sharing the ideals and fellowship, there is no limit to that we can achieve. By adding more members, we will also be in a better position of

developing and implementing service programs. Growth in membership will permit us to further reach out to people in need. Surely, there are men and women in every community who would welcome an invitation to be a member of the world's largest service organisation. Seek them out and offer them this unequalled chance to enjoy the satisfaction of being involved in voluntary community service.

April is again, a very important month in our District. The District assembles in Bulawayo starting from 30th April to 3rd May at our Convention. Let us make sure that we attend this important gathering in our District. Club Leaders; Zone Leaders; Regional Leaders and District Leaders, let us work together to motivate Lions in our areas of jurisdiction to register for this important event. Remember! Attending meetings and functions is one very important obligation of every Lion.

I wish you another successful month, a month full of Service with Passion.

We continue our Service with Passion

DG Jean Mathanga

Protecting our Environment - Project Ideas

1. Develop an awareness campaign around environmental issues.
2. Plant trees or a community garden.
3. Help build a safe drinking water system.
4. Host seminars regarding simple practices that "Protect our Environment."
5. Partner with your local environmental authorities to save an endangered animal, forest, or water source.
6. Establish a school-wide recycling program.
7. Conduct community-wide clean-up projects.
8. Raise awareness about the benefits of "going green."
9. Organize a battery/cell phone/computer recycling drive.
10. Clean up a park or playground.
11. Decrease your community's plastic waste consumption by encouraging others to use reusable water bottles and tote bags.

Check out these and other environmental project ideas <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/iad464.pdf>



ASSISTANCE TO THE HANDICAPPED



Reading is one of the most important skills one must master to succeed in life. It helps your child succeed in school, helps them

build self-confidence and helps to motivate your child. Being able to read will help your child learn more about the world, understand directions on signs and posters, allow them to discover reading as an entertainment, and help them gather information.

Learning to read is very different from learning to speak, and it does not happen all at once. There is a steady progression in the development of reading ability over time. The best time for children to start learning to read is at a very young age - even before they enter pre-school.

Once a child is able to speak, they can begin developing basic reading skills. Very young children have a natural curiosity to learn about everything. They are naturally intrigued by the printed texts they see, and are eager to learn about the sounds made by those letters. You will likely notice that your young child likes to look at books and thoroughly enjoys being read to. They will even pretend to behave like a reader by holding books and pretend to read them.

At what age can you start teaching a child to read? When they're babies? At 2 years old, 3, 4, or 5 years old, or wait until they're in school?

If you delay your child's reading skill development until he or she enters school, you are putting your child at risk...

Gaborone Lions donate two wheelchairs

There is always a sense of satisfaction when we as Lions bring smiles into the face of those who is in need. On the 17th of March, the Lions of Gaborone through the efforts of their project coordinator Lion John, customized and handed over a wheelchair from Cape Town to a sweet little and ever smiling girl Keabetswe.

The mother of Keabetswe was indeed very thankful of the kind gesture. The Lions also managed to donate sweets to the rest of kids and gifted to the little ones some toys.

In a related incident, on the 27th of February, the Gaborone Lions, made yet another wheelchair donation to a needy girl at Princess Marina Hospital courtesy of hard work put in by Lion Sundar to acquire the wheelchair at short notice.



On to Higher Service



On the 27th of March 2015, Lion Aspinas Makaka passed on to higher service. He was 72. He was a member of Kadoma Lions Club since 04/01.2008. He was among the first group of members of Kadoma. At the time of his passing on, he was the Club's Treasurer and a very active member of the Club. He was the centre of all communications for the Club and his passing will impact the Club greatly.

On behalf of the District 412 and the Lions Family at heart, our sincere condolences go to his family and the Lions of Kadoma.

May His Soul Rest in Peace.



CONVENTION SHOP



Yellow Waistcoats - \$30



District 412 Blue
Waistcoats - \$30



District 412 Blue
Blazers - \$80 for men;
\$65 for Ladies

53rd District 412 Bulawayo Convention Update



Dear Fellow D412 Lions,

There is one month left till the opening of Convention - have you registered? If not consider doing so as soon as possible. The City of Kings is waiting to welcome you.

In this issue of the Newsletter there is a sample of Club Supplies that will be available. Please come prepared and ensure that you get some souvenirs and Lions regalia.

There will be a Convention Photographer throughout the Convention to ensure that all the memories are captured! Music will be provided by Perfic on all three evenings so dancing shoes are mandatory.

Universal Royalty Friday Theme evening - have you chosen your character and costume? Join the fun and lets party. Formal wear for the Saturday Banquet.

Do not forget to bring along your club banners for the 'friendship banner' ceremony.

Voting Delegate / Alternate forms have been sent to clubs. Delegates please remember to bring the forms with you and make sure your club is in good standing. If international and district dues have been made after the 31st of March please bring the proof of payment.

There will be a Melvin Jones Fellow / Key Award breakfast on Friday morning , 01 May 2015. The Guest of Honour is Simon Spooner from Zimbabwe Democracy Development Trust. The costs is \$10, if attending please submit your name and payment at the registration desk .

Bar facilities will be available from 1130hrs each day. Transport will be available for those who need it.

The Convention Committee is waiting to welcome you to a fun-filled convention in the City of Kings!

Lion Maureen Barrett

Convention Convener



Special Neck Ties - \$18



Executive Neck Ties - \$10



Lady Scarfs - \$12



Lady Scarfs Blue - \$15



Car stickers - \$4



Lapel Pins - \$5



Iron on pocket badges - \$6

Blue Jacket Material
US\$8 / M

Yellow Waist Coat
Material US\$4 / M

District Pocket Badge
US\$12



HEALTH CHECK

THE KWEKWE HEALTH EXPO



The Ministry of Health and Child Care through our DAC Health SD412 and Medical Superintendent of Kwekwe General Hospital, Lion Dr Patricia Mapanda organized a Health Expo for the Kwekwe - Zhombe community on 15th March 2015.

About two hundred people attended the event. Lions of zone 2D along with other partners were in also in attendance. Our lions banners were very visible. The Lion medical doctors who are members of ZiMA actively participated in the social responsibility extravaganza. Our own and very able Director of Ceremony for the occasion was PDG Lion Dr Pateson Mapanda.

The First Vice District Governor, Lion Dr Alva Senderayi gave a brief narration of who lions are, their history, the spread of lions throughout the world, the four pillars of LCIF, Youth, Sight, Humanitarian Efforts and Natural Disaster Mitigation. He cited the Lions intervention in Tokwe-Mukosi last year, the assistance by Zone 2D to the Muzarabani Floods. The FVDG went into detail on Lions One Shot One life Measles initiative culminating in the current GAVI challenge between Lions and DFID-UK (Department for International Development-United Kingdom).

He articulated what Lions of Zone2D assist Kwekwe General Hospital with which was well appreciated. He intimated to the listening crowd on the pending Measles Rubella (MR) awareness campaign in the week ending 30th of April of Lions in Zimbabwe together with the Ministry of Health and Child Care.

Lion PDG Dr Pateson Mapanda crowned it all by making an open appeal for potential Lion members.

Report by
Lion Cathrine Marapira
Zone 2D Chairperson

THE MEASLES CHALLENGE



WORLD IMMUNISATION WEEK

APRIL 24-30, 2015

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together with the Lions in the lead. There is no telling how far we will go together"

William H. Gates Sr. Co-Chair Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Dear Lions of District 412,

The World Immunization Week 2015, which runs from April 24 - 30, is an exciting opportunity for Lions Clubs

International to profile its work on reducing measles and promote the importance of immunization. The global theme for World Immunization Week 2015 is: **Closing the Gap.**

Lions Clubs include some of the world's brightest and most innovative thinkers and doers. Lions are in a unique position to help close the gap. World Immunization Week is an ideal time to increase awareness, political commitment, funds and community support needed to close the gap and reach all children with the vaccines.

By engaging different sectors during this week involved in immunization, such as: individuals, businesses, religious groups, vulnerable groups, community leaders, organizations or government agencies, the Lions Clubs can help close the gap of more than 20 million children around the world who have not yet received the measles and rubella vaccine and strengthen immunization services overall.

I wish to confirm that there been serious engagement with senior officials of the Ministry of Health and Child Care in Zimbabwe. Whilst we still await for a formal or official position on the same, I may confidently confirm that there is the willingness to engage the Lions of Zimbabwe on this important health matter in mitigating Measles and Rubella in Zimbabwe by the Ministry of Health and Child Care, MoHCC, and on the other hand, there is palpable indication that the Lions of Zimbabwe in turn are eager to take up the project which their counterparts in Botswana and Malawi succeeded in making an impact to children in their countries.

Briefly, as we all know, Lions Clubs International Foundation, LCIF, the official sponsorship arm of Lions Clubs International LCI has been involved in partnership in 2010 with the Gates Foundation which funded the pilot programme that saw 41 million children vaccinated in Mali, Madagascar, Ethiopia and Nigeria. The underlying partnership on the same with GAVI, the successors the Global Alliance for Vaccinations and Immunizations cannot be over- emphasized. The subsequent "One shot One Life" Measles Initiative saw another successful Lions' partnership with the Gates Challenge where lions raised 10

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FLOODS DISASTER RELIEF TO MUZARABANI



DG Jean presents the clothing items and cash to the Member of Parliament for Muzarabani, Mr. Alfred Mufunga.

The Lions of District 412 donated an assortment of clothing and cash to Muzarabani flood victims. A team led by Region 2&3 Chairmen, Lion Jona & Lion Cosmas put together an assortment of clothing items worth US\$5 000 and US\$800 in cash for donation to the Muzarabani North flood victims.

Addressing the media at Jameson Hotel in Harare, the District Governor Lion Jean Matanga emphasized on the role that Lions play to give assistance in cash and kind to victims of natural disasters.

Muzarabani North legislator Mr. Alfred Mufunga said the donation will go a long way in helping the victims of floods in his constituency.

Floods that characterized the 2014-2015 rainy season left 500 families displaced in Mashonaland Central and the most affected areas include Mushumbi Pools, Mbi-re, Kanyemba, Chikafa, Muzarabani and Mukumbura, among other places.



The Packaged goods for the flood victims

THE MEASLES CHALLENGE

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million U.S. dollars that was matched by 5 million from the Gates Foundation. The same also saw 150 million children benefit from the affordable vaccination costing less than a dollar, and also certainly contributing to the reduction of the daily avoidable pediatric mortality on Measles from 450 a day to 330 it is today.

Currently, the Lions' Centennial Goal cluster for 2017 to serve 100 million people includes amongst other goals a challenge to raise 30 million U.S. which will be matched by the DFID, the Department of Overseas Development of the UK.

As lions in Zimbabwe, we shall be focusing on three areas of this Measles Rubella (MR) awareness and campaign scheduled for June 2015: *advocacy * direct mobilization and sensitization of our communities * fundraising for our continued and sustained cause.

We have zone meetings pending in April. Let us have a continued "buy in" on this Measles Rubella agenda at these important District Governor Advisory meetings. Besides, this item will certainly feature at our next Cabinet meeting at the end of April as it will be important to share updates on this matter.

Let us all act in unison, and in synergy on this topical topic. When the go ahead comes from Ministry, let us be found ready to go into combat.

FVDG Lion Dr. Alva Senderayi



Triangle Lions pack clothes for dispatch to the Muzarabani flood victims



DG's VISIT TO ZONE 2D



On the 11th of March the District Governor Lion Jean Mathanga visited Zone 2D accompanied by the Region 2 Chairman Lion Jona Machaya. The DG was welcomed by Zone 2D Lions at Rutendo High School at 3.30pm where Redcliff Lions Club were reviving Rutendo Leo Club.

The DG addressed the Leos and explained what Leoism is and motivated the young pupils to participate actively. This was followed by a Tree planting ceremony and a visit to the classroom block at the school which Redcliff Lions helped to build.

The DG proceeded to meet and address the Lions at the Den. The Presidents Lion Sophia (Sebakwe) and Lion Charity (Redcliff) presented their activities to the DG after which the DG presented banners and pins to Presidents. The DG encouraged The Lions to keep on strengthening the pride by increasing number of Lions in the District.

Report by
Lion Cathrine Marapira
Zone 2D Chairperson



The Second Vice District Governor, Lion Eric Musesengwe taking part in tree planting at Rutendo High School



From Right to left: District 412 Governor Jean Mathanga and Lion Eric Musesengwe, the Second Vice District Governor and the Regional Chairperson Jona Machaya at Rutendo High School



The DG poses for a group photo with Leos from Rutendo High School and some Lions

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DG Mathanga hails Lions for social responsibility

By Sandra Takaza

The Lions Clubs International District 412 Governor (Malawi Mozambique Zimbabwe Botswana) Lion Jean Mathanga has commended members of the local clubs operating in Zimbabwe for championing community development programmes.

Speaking at a tree planting function at Rutendo High School recently Lion Jean Mathanga urged the local members to keep on supporting the community through social responsibility.

"Lions are men and women who commit their lives, talent and resources to serve the less privileged in the society. We should always strive to dedicate our energy to better the community," she said.

"One loses nothing in helping others, so my fellow Lions, I urge you to continue helping the community and those in destitute situations."

Mathanga who was on a tour of local clubs, hailed the Redcliff and Sebakwe Lions Club for topping the list in assisting communities.

"I am very happy that you are managing to assist the local community considering the economic situation in Zimbabwe. So far you are outstanding amongst all the countries I have visited," she said.

She even said they had surpassed clubs in her home country Malawi,

as they have gone an extra mile in helping the community with special mention to the Tokwe Mukosi and Muzarabani foods disasters.

Meanwhile, the Second District Vice Governor Lion Eric Musesengwe called on Leos at Rutendo High to adopt the art of good communication.

"Language is very vital because it can build or destroy, so Leos should use appropriate language whenever it is necessary," said Musesengwe. In an exclusive interview with the Rutendo Leo's Club president Kgotsi Ndlovu, he highlighted that as the leaders of tomorrow they should be responsible, independent and be able to create employment to help other youths in the community.

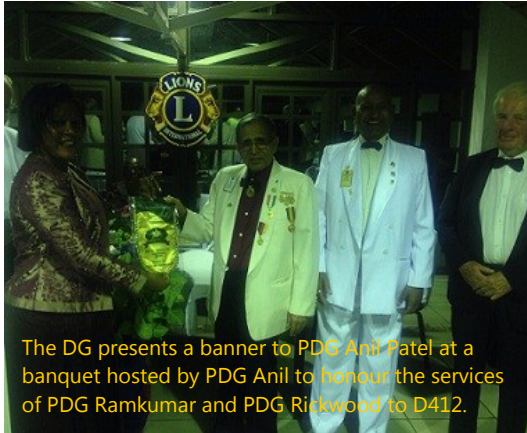
"As Leos we have to be responsible leaders, independent and be able to create employment for the community," said Ndlovu.

Mathanga is a outstanding woman with so much passion to help the disadvantaged.

Lions Clubs International is a secular, non-political service organization founded by Melvin Jones in 1917. As of May 2013, it had over 46,000 local clubs and more than 1.3 million members in over 200 countries around the world. The organization aims to meet the needs of communities on a local and global scale.



DG's CLUB VISITS IN PICTURES



The DG presents a banner to PDG Anil Patel at a banquet hosted by PDG Anil to honour the services of PDG Ramkumar and PDG Rickwood to D412.



Blankets donation in Selebi Phikwe by Lions Club of Mokomoto



Spectacles donation - DG and the President of Mokomoto



Lions of Gweru donate to Batanai Old Peoples' home



New couple being introduced to Lionism by PDG Sayana



The DG in Tonota



Serowe welcome back PDG Kabby Kone



The DG meets the Lions of Serowe



Lions of Francistown present a friendship banner to the DG Lion Jean



The DG meets the Lions of Gweru



SIMPLY THE BEST



Paint work in progress by a young and upcoming artist

THE SANCTUARY FACELIFT

On the 7th of March Lions and Leos spent their day cleaning at Triangle Limited's Area 2 sanctuary cleaning up the litter, uprooting some invasive plant species and the re-establishment of the naturally occurring buffalo grass that had been damaged.

The site also has some sitting and relaxing facilities that needed the paint work to be redone and the Leos were very excited to do some paint work for these facilities.

There were blocked pipes on the bridge on this site and the Lions went out of their way to remove these blockages. In total the club spent a total of 217 Lion hours working on this project.

THE MUD FESTIVAL

This year we decided to try and revive our ever popular Cane Rally, which was last held 2 years ago. Lead by Lion Les and Lion Chris, we decided to change things up a bit, by replacing the "Mud" with "Mad". Let's face it, we could still go wild without too much of the mess! As usual, we did the Cane Rally, which was also with a twist, however we only had 4 entries, which was a bit of a let down. Never discouraged though, on the other side of it, we had a LOT of fun games, not just for the kids and their parents, but also for grandparent, aunts and even Lions. The results of the Cane Rally were as follows:

1st Place - Vic Pinto & Grandson Nayan Pinto
2nd Place - Jeremy Richards & Jo Sandwith
3rd Place - Steve Barnett & Karl Empacher

The games were organized by Lioness Lana, who always manages to get the attention of everyone, by her unorthodox way of doing things – like feeding jelly to an adult by using only your toes!

The day turned out to be a fantastic one, with lots of games, good food (of which there were no leftovers), good humour and a lot of laughs. All Lions on deck, all with big smiles on their faces.

Thank you Lions for making this day such a great success. Thanks also to Lion Costain for coming over from Chiredzi Lions Club to assist us.

Report by
Lion Les Grobler



Ready for ACTION!!

Above: Ready for the race!

Below Left: Lion Chris presenting a prize to the winners

Below Right: Lionesses organize the kids



Lion Chris presenting prizes to the winners



The Lionesses organizing the kids



Tete Zambezia is Chartered



Welcome Aboard Tete

On the 20th of February 2015, the Tete Zambezia Lions Club was honored to accept its Charter.

There is a long history of Lionism in Mozambique and this club is thrilled to be given the opportunity to continue this tradition.

The Master of Ceremony for the night was Lion Frank von Habsburg and the club was honored to welcome DG Jean Mathanga; Cabinet Secretary, Ken Banda and Zone 1C Chair, Henry Mathanga as our special guests. President Elect Lei von Habsburg accepted the Charter on behalf of the Tete Zambezia Lion Club.

The following Lions were inducted as Charter Members:

Lion Frank von Habsburg
Lion Jessica von Habsburg
Lion Harry Grier
Lion Paulo Formigal
Lion Igor Lanca
Lion Anna Monica von Habsburg
Lion Patra Formigal
Lion Jenni Bekker
Lion Caroline Frei
Lion Kate Tharrat
Lion Mark Tharrat
Lion Lidia Zandamela
Lion Andre Holtzhausen
Lion Marjorie Speirs
Lion and Caroline Frei

Previous Lions Club members Carolina Ndoda and Mario Candido pledged as members of the Club and have given their longstanding support and knowledge.

Lion David Saunyama acted as a guide and sponsor for the club and it is acknowledged that the club would not be where it is today without his leadership and dedication.

The Tete Zambezia Club is already off to a great start with a service project helping to put the final touches on painting and furniture construction at the Pioneer61 orphanage in Tete. Looking towards the future we are excited to be your partners in Lionism!

Lion President Lei von Habsburg

Picture 1: The DG Lion Jean presents the Club charter to Lion President Lei

Picture 2: The charter members of Tete Zambezia

Picture 3: Lion Mario Candido encouraging the new members

Picture 4: Acceptance speech - Lion President Lei

Picture 5: The DG presents a certificate of membership to one of the charter members of Tete Zambezia Lions Club.



Region 3 Membership Drive



Lion Leaders converge in Plumtree to support the initiative of a new club in the area.



The Plumtree Meeting



Lions of Zone 3A attend the meeting to finalize the Masvingo Charter



Meeting in progress - Masvingo

Region 3 Zimbabwe has engaged on a massive campaign to boost membership for the District. The Region Chairman, Lion Cosmas Chisare is working closely with members of the GMT Team and other Senior Lions within the Region to charter new clubs in the Region.

Some of the noteworthy successes recorded this year include;

- ◆ They made an impact in Hwange and Victoria Falls where Hwange have successfully opened a branch Club in Victoria Falls with the hope of establishing a Club in the near future under the Leadership of Zone Chairman, Lion George Thomson.
- ◆ Lions Club of Khumalo led by Lion Moffat Ndlovu as the guiding Lion ably assisted by R3 GMT Leader, Lion Maurice Nyamuda launched the campaign to establish a Lions Club in Plumtree. The event was graced by the FVDG and the SVDG.
- ◆ They have visited Shurugwi in an effort to resuscitated the former Club there.
- ◆ A lot of work has been done in Masvingo, thanks to efforts by the Zvishavane Lions led by Lion President Elliot Mutsikamabwe and Zone Chair Lion David Saunyama. The Masvingo Club is almost ready and should be chartered in the next few weeks.

An initiative to sponsor Leos Clubs has also be well received with Lions Club of Chiredzi doing well in this regard. Recently Chiredzi re-organised their Omega Club to add onto the two Alpha Clubs (Chiredzi Christian & Chiredzi Government) already operational.

Chiredzi Lions also opened a new Omega Leo Territory at Great Zimbabwe University which they have since handed over to the Masvingo Lions to see its establishment.

Triangle have oriented Prospective Leos from Mufakoshe High School and Terry Goss High School. Induction of these two Alpha Leo Clubs should be done in due course.

Earlier in the year, Zvishavane inducted 3 Leo Clubs i.e. Gokomere, Victoria High and Ndarama High School in Masvingo.

Fellow Lions, lets continue working hard to get quality members and also to retain our current members. Together we can do 1250 and beyond! Yes we can!

Lion Cosmas Chisare
Region 3 Chairman



CLUB STATUS REPORTS

Check list for Club Account Status Review



Dear Lion Presidents,

Please take note of the following and ensure that your Club remains afloat;

1. Club balances outstanding beyond 120 days can cause clubs to be placed on suspension if balances are equal to or exceeding US\$20/member or \$1,000, whichever is less over 120 days.
2. Anticipated high risk of suspension in November and May can be avoided with prompt club payments.
3. High cancellation rates can be avoided in December and June if payments are received prior to the 29th of the month following suspension.
4. Clubs can be reactivated within 12 months following cancellation, if eligible. Full payment along with a Reactivation Report is required, signed by you.
5. Club Treasurers can view statements online and avoid mailing delays. Please encourage club treasurers to check the opt-out option on the association's website to discontinue receiving mailed club statements.
6. Clubs in Good Standing are eligible to participate in local elections. The current dues billing must be paid leaving no International dues and fees greater than US\$10.00 unpaid and balances over 90 days must not exceed US\$50.00.
7. Beginning July 1, 2015, clubs will automatically be placed on Financial Suspension if balances beyond 90 days are equal to or exceeding US\$20/member or \$1,000 or greater, and cancellation will occur after the 28th of the month following suspension if full payment is not received. As a result, anticipated high suspension will be reported in October and April. Also, clubs cancelled more than twice will be ineligible for reactivation.

PDG Ray Sibanda
District 412 GMT Coordinator



Lions Clubs International

PU101 REPORTS

Dear Lions Club Officer,

Fiscal year 2015-16 is quickly approaching! There are three beneficial reasons to report your club's new officers as soon as they have been elected:

- ◆ Find A Club (the locator on the association's website) will display the new officers
- ◆ The new officers will receive timely mailings from international headquarters and the district
- ◆ The new officers will be able to access and utilize the MyLCI site.

Reporting the newly elected officers using MyLCI is easy. Click Reporting Next Year Club Officers to view a three minute video demonstration. When your newly elected officers are reported, using MyLCI, the information is immediately available to your district, as well as international headquarters.

Alternatively, the newly elected officers can be reported using the paper Club Officer Reporting form. (Mailing instructions can be found on the paper form.)

While reporting next year's officer assignments, it is an ideal time to verify the new officer's mailing preference (home address or other address), as well as the contact information for the elected officers.

Should you have any questions, please contact us. We will be happy to assist you.

Member Service Center

Lions Clubs International

Email: MemberServiceCenter@lionsclubs.org

Phone: 630-203-3830

Fax: 630-706-9295



DG's AWARDS



The DG, Lion Jean congratulates Region 2 Chairman, Lion Jona Machaya for the participation of Region 2 Clubs in the Feeding Program



Region 3 Chairman, Lion Cosmas accepts the Trophy on behalf of the Zone 3 Chairman Lion David

At the third cabinet meeting which was held at Jameson Hotel in Harare, the District Governor, Lion Jean Mathanga took the opportunity to award the best performers of the District.

The Zone Chair of the Quarter award went to Zone 3A Chairman, Lion David Saunyama. Among other achievements, Zone 3A has grown its membership, participated entirely in the DG's Feeding Challenge and all the Clubs in that Zone are reporting their MMRs and Activities on MyLCI.

A total of 27 Clubs participated in the Feeding Program and were all duly awarded by the District Governor for their efforts.



Zone 2C Chairman, Lion John Mwinjilo receives an award on behalf of the Zone 3A clubs for their participation in the Feeding Program



The Golden Girls from Bulawayo (Lion Bev and Lion Maureen) receive an award on behalf of the Zone 3B Chairperson, Lion Glenys Morgan for the Zone's full participation in the Feeding Program



DRUG AWARENESS CAMPAIGN



Students from Amaveni Secondary School paying close attention.

On the 30th of January the Lions Club of Kwekwe partnered with the Kwekwe Police officers and visited Amaveni Secondary School to address the students on the dangers of drugs use and alcohol.

The C.I.D. Inspector Dale in the company of the Lions of Kwekwe who were led by Second Vice District Governor, Lion Eric and Zone Chair Lion Cathy addressed the students.

The SVDG and Zone Chair also weighed in with some words of Wisdom to the youths.



Inspector Dale showing the pupils a bottle of bronco, A popular substance amongst the youths.



Final speech of the day from the Zone chair Lion Catherine.



Some of the Kwekwe Lions in attendance



Wise words from the Second Vice District Governor Lion Eric Mupfema



THE 2015 LEO DISTRICT CONVENTION

President' Theme: Beyond Service, creating a better future.

Convention Theme: 101% True Service

Dates: 10 - 13 April 2015

Convention Venue: Kamuzu Academy, Lilongwe, Malawi

Activities: Fishing; Site Seeing; Environmental Clean up; Swimming; Special Olympics; Omega Leos - Lions Chill Out Night Course; Basketball; Soccer etc.

Registration Fee: US\$60 (Covers food and accommodation only)

Travel Arrangements: TBA

Kindly ensure your Leos are registered in time to avoid inconveniences.

Lion Sharai Sibanda
Leo District Chairperson



On a Lighter Note

COLLEGE CHEATS

Three university guys bunked an exam because they didn't study. They came up with a plan, got themselves dirty and greasy then went to see the Dean. "Sir we are sorry we couldn't make it for the exam. We attended a wedding on our way back the car broke down that is why we're so dirty".

The Dean understood and gave them 3 days to prepare. After 3 days they went to the Dean very ready for the exam coz this time they studied.

The Dean put them in 3 separate classes.

There were only 4 questions on the exam paper.

1. Who was getting married? (25mrks).
2. Where was the reception? (25mrks).
3. What colour was the groom's suit? (25mrks).
4. What type of a car broke down? (25mrks).

Good luck your answers should be the same!!!

DID YOU KNOW?

The current world record for the longest hug is 26 hours and 5 minutes.

The Nile River in East Africa is the longest river in the world.

The human body has 206 bones.

The average human eye blinks about 4.2 million times per year.

The Sahara Desert is the largest in the world.

Hippos kill more people than Lions do.



TABLE MANNERS

A dozen ways to improve your table manners instantly. Forget "You are what you eat." You are how you eat.

Dining with good manners is an important way to make a great lasting impression, as well as a way to ensure that you're invited again.

1. Be there on time!
2. Dine as quietly as possible. Chew with your mouth closed and don't slurp when you drink or eat soup.
3. Only use your utensils for eating. The knife is not a laser pointer nor should it ever touch your mouth – no knife licking! If you're not taking food from your plate to your mouth, your utensils should be resting on the dinner plate. Make sure you are using the right utensils, when it comes to pasta you don't need a knife!
4. Fork is not a forklift. Don't load up your utensils with large amounts of food and shovel it into your mouth. This is not a Coney Island eating contest. The knife is initially held in the right hand and the fork in the left. Grasp your knife and fork in a relaxed, natural manner, never with clenched fists.
5. Take smaller portions. When dining buffet-style, avoid 'vulture syndrome' and don't load up your plate. It's more elegant to take smaller, more civilized portions and make another trip to the buffet if you're still hungry.
6. Excuse yourself to blow your nose. Instead of blowing your nose at the table, walk to the bathroom or a private area.
7. Put your cell phone away. Unless someone is ill or you are a physician on call, there is no need to have a cell phone at the dinner table.
8. Wash your hands before sitting down for a meal. It is much more sanitary to dine with clean hands. There's nothing worse than noticing someone's filthy nails while you're eating.
9. Finish chewing and swallowing before speaking. Never talk with food in your mouth. Never!
10. Allow other guests to finish before speaking. This may not have to do with your table manners, but avoiding interrupting people during conversations is polite and respectful.
11. Ask your tablemates to pass anything you need. Don't reach past your neighbor at the table.
12. When leaving the table during the meal, place your napkin on your chair. Once everyone has finished dining, the host will place his or her napkin on the table and you should follow suit. Don't refold it, crumple it, or wad it up – simply, place it on the left of your dinner plate.