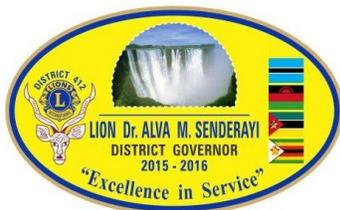


# Excellence In Service

## Dignity. Harmony. Humanity

DISTRICT 412 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2015



Lions of Harare West donated books to Matthew Rusike Children's home. In the picture, Zone 2B Chairperson, Lion Bibi Sungwa impacts the reading culture on one of the pupil at the home.

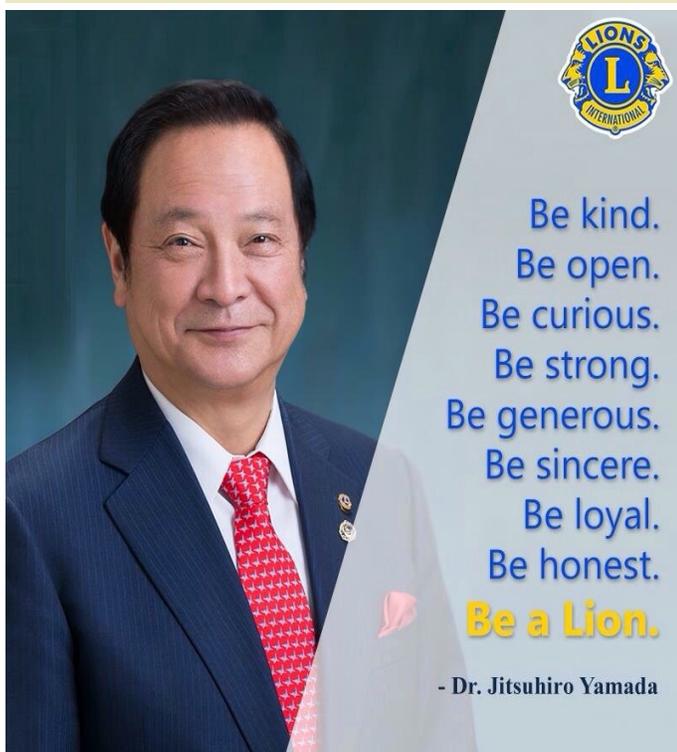
# WE SERVE THE YOUTH



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### Editorial Comments



Fellow Lions,

The month of August is dedicated to serving the youth. What has your Club done to restore the Dignity of the Youth in your community? What efforts have you made to foster harmony amongst the youth in your community? Lets all endeavor to get the best out of our youth who indeed are our future.

Some clubs have embraced Excellence in service in a big way and are indeed serving their communities with Dignity, Harmony, Humanity, Passion & Pride!

As we go through the month of September let us continue serving the youth by restoring their dignity in a number of ways. Well done to those Clubs who observed the Children Dignity week!

Congratulations to Lwendulu for sponsoring Victoria Falls Zambezi, I would like to hear of projects from that end soon.

Fellow Lions, may I humbly request that you send me your activities timeously or coverage on this bulletin.

Let's also remember the call from our Cabinet Treasurer to pay up our dues, at the end of September non-paid up Clubs will go into Financial Suspension.

The passion for excellence continues.....

*Lion Piraishe Mabheka, RLLI*

D412 Newsletter Editor

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## THE DG's DESK



Dear Lions of District 412,

Warm greetings to you all.

We were a family of 53 clubs for the greater part of the month of August, 2015 until 29th of the same month when Chichiri was cancelled.

We dropped from 1071 members to 1057.

We however were blessed with the charter of Victoria Falls Zambezi whereat Past International President Barry Palmer officiated on 26th August, 2015 in Victoria Falls.

We did not have as many service activities in August (28) compared to July( 43). We can do better still.

Four clubs , Kadoma, Mangochi Mtunthama and Selebi Phikwe still have not designated their PU101s and they may still correct the situation now.

The Past International President and Immediate Past Chairperson of LCIF, Barry Palmer graced the historic and inaugural All Africa Leo Forum between 23rd and 28th August,2015. The District Governor Team, Lions Eric Musesengwe, Jona Machaya and myself and the District GLT - D and GMT - D Coordinators Past District Governors Lions Ray Sibanda and Dr PTT Mapanda were in strong attendance.

The ALSC (Africa Lions' Steering Committee member and Past District Governor, MD 413, Hastings Chiti was also present and participated very usefully in PIP's tour of duty by providing his vehicle as a courtesy vehicle , being part of the Greeter team, and facilitating in the proceedings. We are most grateful for his munificence.

This was indeed an action packed week culminating in a well attended and very productive Cabinet meeting on 29th August, 2015 at Meikles Hotel. The same evening at Meikles Hotel we had a colorful and memorable Cabinet Installation Ceremony. We thank Harare the Phoenix and in particular Lion President Thabani Gambiza for being very efficient hosts.

Best regards .

Sincerely,

Lion Dr Alva M Senderayi.

DG SD412 ( 2015-2016 )

Dear Lion Leaders,

I'm sharing a message sent to all district governors. I am asking district governors to encourage clubs to invite more women to join them, and to invite family and friends to serve with them as Lions. Let's work together to grow our clubs so we can expand our service and bring dignity to others!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada



Dear District Governor,

We had an excellent start to the new year in Honolulu, so let's build on our momentum and make this a year of growth and success.

One of the challenges we face is the growing need for humanitarian service. To increase our capacity to serve, we must increase our membership. Remind your clubs that growth starts in our own backyard and encourage them to invite their family and friends to serve with them as Lions. We also need to continue to make inviting women a priority to help ensure the long-term growth and health of our clubs.

The most effective way you can achieve district growth is by chartering new clubs. Have you identified where your next Lions club will be chartered? Work with your district team to form new clubs that can bring new service to areas in need.

As we grow, we must also focus on developing new leaders who can successfully guide Lions into our next century of service.

Remember, we are a team and I pledge my full support to you.

Let's work together to grow our clubs and bring dignity to others!

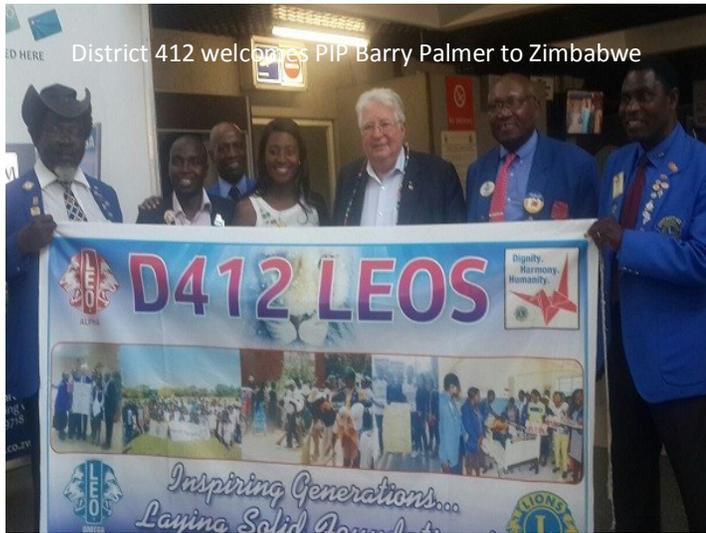
Sincerely,

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada

Your International President



# ALL AFRICA LEO CONFERENCE



District 412 welcomes PIP Barry Palmer to Zimbabwe

## *'Experience the Wonder'*

District 412 had the rare privilege of hosting the Inaugural All Africa Leo Forum in Victoria Falls. Leos from Zambia, Malawi and Zimbabwe converged in the tourist city for this important occasion which was attended by the Past International President, Lion Barry Palmer. The District Governor, Lion Dr. Alva Senderayi and his deputies Lion Eric Musesengwe (First Vice District Governor) and Lion Jona Oram Machaya (Second Vice District Governor) were also in attendance. Other Senior Lions present included PDG Hastings Chiti (from District 413 Zambia); PDG Pateson Mapanda (Global Leadership Team); PDG Ray Sibanda (Global Membership Team).

In his opening remarks the Convenor of the First All Africa Leo Forum, Leo Club Program International Advisory Panelist, Leo Pritchard Muzanarwo, highlighted the objectives of the Leo Forum which include the following;

- To become more influential in the immediate communities and how the whole of Africa can be part of the impact.
- To assist the Lions with membership goals
- Sharing ideas on how to better their communities and culture appreciation in all of Africa



All Africa Leo Forum Convenor, Leo Pritchard presents a Gift to PIP Barry Palmer

PDG Lion Chiti from District 413, a member of the Africa Constitutional Area Steering Committee gave a talk on Leo - Lions towards the Africa Constitutional Area VIII vision. LCI requires that Africa grows to 30,000 Lions to be granted Constitutional

Area status. Presently Africa needs 5,000 more members to get to this number. Some of the benefits are that Africa would have its own International Directors at the LCI board of Directors every year instead of the current setup where we have to wait for 4 years. A notable quote from PDG Chiti **"Lift the souls of other hopeless people and your hope will be multiplied"**

The Past International President Lion Barry Palmer who was the guest of honour in his key note address to the Leos stressed the need for Leos to ASK more members to join and ASK for the things that they need to further their service efforts. A notable quote from the Past International President **"Share ideas, share visions to make the future a better place"**

The Leo Leadership workshop started with a presentation from SVDG Lion Jona Machaya who delivered an insight into the Leo Program.

PDG Dr. Patterson Mapanda, who has vast experience with the Leo Program weighed in with ideas of projects that Leos can embark on to make a difference in the community. He also highlighted some of the challenges that affect the success of Leo Clubs.

Leo Douglas Jembe talked about team work and insisted on trust amongst members as a building block to Club success. Leo Chikondi Chabvuta spoke on communication.

Lion Jane Mutasa gave an insight on Project Management. She also encouraged signature projects which are also called seasonal projects to allow continuation of great projects every year.



Group photo of the participants of the All Africa Leo Forum



## ALL AFRICA LEO CONFERENCE



### *'Experience the Wonder' - acknowledgements*



Dear District Governor & D412 Lions,  
On behalf of the First Leo Africa Forum Convening Committee, we wish to extend our sincere gratitude for your support during the just ended First ever Leo Africa Forum.

We were humbled with the time you committed just to have the event carried through. We are forever indebted to the timely support and guidance despite the various shortcomings that we experi-

enced. We also extend the same appreciation to the appointed Protocol Committee ( PDG Dr. Pat Mapanda, PDG Ray Sibanda, FVDG Eric Musesengwe and SVDG Jona Machaya) and our Dear PDG Hastings Chiti who also represented the African Steering Committee on the same. Of equal importance were Lion Jane Musa from Harare The Phoenix and Lion Bothwell Nyajeka (Harare West) who provided guidance from the inception.

The Forum gave us the Experience within the LEO Acronym and we are excited that with the successes that we achieved we can still move forward with confidence as we look back with great pride over the outcome of the Forum and the set objectives regarding the development of the Leo Cub Program in Africa. The event was an overwhelming success, and history was made!

We will gladly take all the shortcomings as areas of great improvement in our planning skills for any future international Leo events.

Lastly, thank you for our great Chairperson, Lion Sharai Sibanda and her constant guidance. We value her constant support as our District Advisor always.

Once again, thank you very much for the Lions District Leadership and Cabinet support and wish you well this Lionistic year. This year we endeavour to be kind, open, curious, and sincere and exert our effort towards dignity and harmony to serve and shape up the desirable outcome of humanity as youth leaders in training. We surely will carry own the banner of excellence in service with tremendous energy.

We are honored to be part of this great ship you are sailing!!.

Yours sincerely in service,  
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE LEOS OF AFRICA

*Leo Pritchard Muzanarwo (Zimbabwe)*

Leo Club Program International Advisory Panelist  
1st Leo Africa Forum Convening Committee Chairperson  
Leo Clubs D412 President 2013-2014



Whilst it is my sincere belief that you travelled safely back home to Australia, I take this opportunity on behalf of our Single District 412 to convey our heartfelt thanks for your very fruitful tour of duty as it not only relates to your gracing of the

inaugural and historic All Africa Leo Forum but also for evident ramifications from the same as the chartering of Victoria Falls Zambezi lions' Club and meeting the lions of the area in particular Wankie Lwendulu and Victoria Falls Zambezi lions.

Past International President, Barry John Palmer this is most appreciated.

May I also sincerely appreciate your bounty for the Leos and our Leos in particular by your unwavering support for them by propping them up in the various projects that shall unfold.

I do appreciate the general framework of opportunities and possibilities of cooperation that shall crop up as a result of our mutual encounter with you.

I sincerely hope you enjoyed your brief stay in the small town of Victoria Falls and its picturesque surrounds including the first of the seven wonders of the world - the Victoria Falls - " Mosi wa Tunya" - the smoke that thunders from both the Zimbabwean and Zambian frontiers and the game tours and " inter - alia " .

I hope the memories shall indeed be indelible!

On behalf of District 412 may I also take this opportunity to sincerely thank the International President Dr J. Yamada for choosing you to come out here and do a wonderful job.

Please pass my warm greetings to your family.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Ln Dr Alva M . Senderayi FDI MJF.

District Governor  
SD 412 (2015 -2016)



# CHILDREN DIGNITY WEEK



The excited children get on with the reading, thanks to the Lions



Lions of Harare West Restores The Dignity of the Children Through the READING ACTION PROGRAM



Lion Cynthia hands over a donation of books to personnel at Mathew Rusike Children's Home

Mathew Rusike is a Children's home situated in Epworth a High Density area in Harare that looks after 95 children who stay within the home and many others from the community who receive aid in form of School Fees Uniforms, medication, assistance with homework and many other basic needs bring the total to 150 children.

Lions Club of Harare West saw the need to assist in form of books which the children can have access to in the Mathew Rusike Library and thus donated a total 500 books varying from novels to research books, history and many others. Apart from the donation, the club embarked on a reading action plan which assists children with Reading and also doing their research.

Above: Lion Cynthia presents books to the Children and their minders at Mathew Rusike Children's home.

Above Left: The Children are excited and get on with the reading.

## Lions of Simply The Best (Triangle) Preparing for a book donation to various schools in Triangle



Lions of Triangle prepare the books for donation to various schools



Club Leo Advisor, Lion Fidelis and Club Secretary, Lion Taurai assist the packing of books for donation.



# CHILDREN DIGNITY WEEK

## Kwekwe Restores The Dignity of the Hungry

Lion Dade Mapanda, the President of Kwekwe Lions Club led the Lady Lions accompanied by a Prospective Lion Amai Madzoke (The Mayoress of Kwekwe) to a remote farming school 15km out of Kwekwe to reach out to the needy children of that community.

They brought food and shared it amongst the children in a gesture that was well appreciated by the School Headmaster.



Happy smiles all round! Dignity Restored!



Lions in action making sure that each child got their share



Lady Lions leading from the front in Kwekwe

## Maun-Greater Restores Dignity to Needy Children



Lions of Maun - Greater and Leo of Okavango International School making the donation

The Lions of Maun-Greater working in partnership with Leos of Okavango International School Leos embarked on a project to restore Dignity to needy children.

On the 5th of August they gathered at the Okavango International School to handover clothing to the officials of Banna Ba Lesatsi, an organization that caters for the less privileged children in Maun.

This donation was well appreciated by the organization and will go a long way in dignifying the needy kids.



## CHILDREN DIGNITY WEEK

### Chiredzi Restores The Dignity of the Hungry



The Elderly and the Children enjoy the meal cooked by the Leos

The Chiredzi Omega Leos and several Lions went out to feed a group of 28 disadvantaged people at an informal settlement camp.

Among them was the Gundani family headed by Gogo Maritha Gundani (born in 1958), who has 2 sons, one visually impaired daughter and 12 grandchildren. This group has poor shelter and no source of clean water hence they walk long distances to fetch water. Worryingly, they lack several basic human needs.

The Leos prepared lunch for the families, and together with them we ate Sadza (maize meal) served with beans, potatoes, green vegetables and drinks. Extra food was presented to Gogo Gundani, who promised to share with the other members of the group.

The Lions and Leos had an opportunity of socialize with the kids and shared stories, motivational tales to inspire them and to give them hope.

It was a wonderful experience to see the smiles those served in appreciation of the work done by the Lions and Leos.

Lion Ephias Mugari (Club Secretary)



The Lions and Leos take a group picture with their hosts

### *Are you an RLLI graduate?*

Register for the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) today!

Advanced Lions Leadership Institutes focus on building the skills of Lions leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibilities at zone, region and district levels.

Qualified candidates are Lions that have completed a successful term as club president, but have not yet attained the position of First Vice District Governor.

Candidates must be willing to commit to all days of the institute. Participation is limited to Lions from the Constitutional area noted in the schedule below.

### Applications

Lions who meet the qualifications may apply to the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute. Applications will be available four months prior to the event. If you are interested in applying, please download the application from the list below or obtain a copy of the application from your Global Leadership Team District Coordinator. Because of the high number of applications received by the association, acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed.

### Cost of the Institute

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the dates and schedule of the institute. Please note that a non-refundable participation fee of **US\$125.00** will be required to offset these costs for all institutes. This fee will be due no less than six weeks prior to the institute start date. **Please do not send funds until you receive a letter of acceptance to the institute.** Participants are also responsible to pay for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the institute site.

### 2015-2016 Advanced Lions Leadership Institutes

All dates and locations are subject to change. Please note that application forms are available only in the languages of the institute being conducted in your constitutional area.

### Constitutional Area VI: India, South Asia, Africa and the Middle East

Date: February 7-9, 2016  
Location: Lagos, Nigeria  
Languages: English and French  
Submission Deadline: November 24, 2015

Download your application form and Register Today!

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/alli-lagos.pdf>

\*This institute is only open to Lions from Africa.



# VICTORIA FALLS ZAMBEZI IS BORN

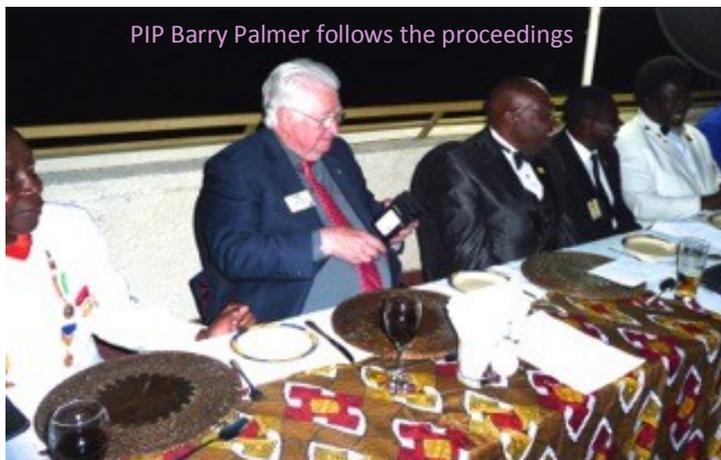


The family of Lions of District 412 witnessed the birth of yet another Club in Region 3. At a function conducted by Past International President Lion Barry Palmer, the members of the newly formed Lions Club of Victoria Falls Zambezi were inducted into Lionism.

The Club was sponsored by Lions Club of Wankie Lwendulu under the watchful eye of Guiding Lion Larry Tsaga.



Victoria Falls Lions express their joy after joining the World's Best Service Organization



PIP Barry Palmer follows the proceedings

The occasion was held on 26 August 2015 at Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel. Other attendees were District Governor Lion Dr. Alva Senderayi, FVDG Eric Musesengwe, SVDG Jona Machaya, PDG Dr. Patterson Mapanda, PDG Lion Ray Sibanda and PDG Hastings Chiti from District 413 Zambia.

Also present were the Lions Clubs of Wankie Lwendulu and Victoria Falls Zambezi and guest Lion Dr Peter and family from Germany.

The Club President Lion Jessica Khaka was presented with The DG's Banner and lapel pin. The Charter celebrations will be held as soon as the Charter is received.

## Victoria Falls Zambezi Lions Club

### Charter Members

- |                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| President:           | Lion Jessica Khaka     |
| Vice President:      | Lion Lister Nyathi     |
| Treasurer:           | Lion Rumbidzai Hinda   |
| Secretary:           | Lion Mthandazo Sibanda |
| Membership Director: | Lion Barbara Dzere     |
| Tale Twister:        | Lion Israel Rupiya     |

- Blessed Ncube  
 Thabezweni Mashila  
 Yvonne Bianca Sibanda  
 Leonah Mavhudzi  
 Charleen Gwatidzo  
 Inkosinathi Khaka  
 Stanley Dube  
 Frederick Mapfira  
 Brain well Mafuba  
 Siphon Ndlovu  
 Constance Kadyamsuma  
 Daphne Hove  
 Amon Pasipamire  
 George Masocha



LIONS CLUB OF  
VICTORIA FALLS ZAMBEZI



The new kids on the block! Welcome to District 412

## Condolence Message to the Chiti Family

On behalf of District 412, The District Governor conveys heartfelt condolences to the Chiti family on the passing on to higher service of the sister of PDG Hastings Chiti - MD413 and Africa Lions Steering Committee member and International Board Endorsee.

May her Soul Rest in Peace



## GMT / GLT



### Lions Clubs International

Dear Zone and Region Chairpersons,

Welcome to the 2015-16 Lions Year!

The integrated efforts of the Global Membership Team (GMT), Global Leadership Team (GLT) and multiple district and district leaders focus on effectively addressing regional growth and development needs while building our membership base and improving club health, and enhancing the quality of our leadership at all levels of the association.

As Zone and Region Chairpersons, you are vital members of the GMT/GLT at the district level. Your close relationship with the clubs in your area enables the district to effectively assess needs, provide support and circulate successful strategies.

The objective of the Global Membership Team is to expand membership and club growth and maximize club success. As a member of the GMT, you are responsible for:

- ⇒ Promoting membership resources to clubs including the Club Quality Initiative (CEP)
- ⇒ Assisting club membership chairpersons with their roles and responsibilities including the development of an annual membership growth plan
- ⇒ Encouraging the involvement of all members in service projects
- ⇒ Encouraging clubs to promote their club and activities within the community
- ⇒ Sharing membership challenges and successes with fellow GMT members

The objective of the Global Leadership Team is to identify and cultivate effective leaders through active training and leadership development initiatives. As a member of the GLT, you are responsible for:

- ◆ Identifying potential leaders at the club level and/or zone level
- ◆ Communicating the availability of and promoting participation in training and leadership development opportunities
- ◆ Encouraging the engagement of new leaders in leadership responsibilities
- ◆ Collaborating with the GLT-D to ensure that club officer and/or zone chairperson training is effectively conducted
- ◆ Communicating training and development needs to fellow GLT-D members

As a part of the GMT/GLT there is much work to be done, but there are many resources and available to you. If you have not already done so, please review the Zone Chairperson manual or Region Chairperson manual for more details on your

responsibilities and the resources available to you. We also recommend visiting the Global Membership Team and Global Leadership Team web pages.

In addition to these resources, we encourage you to collaborate with your GMT-D and GLT-D coordinators and take advantage of their knowledge and guidance. Working alongside your GMT-D and GLT-D coordinators will ensure our leadership development efforts support membership growth, and our membership growth efforts support the advancement of quality leadership.

Please feel free to contact the GMT or GLT support staff, if we can be of further assistance.

Thank you for your service and ongoing dedication which will help ensure the future vitality of Lions Clubs International. We wish you a successful year!

Sincerely,

Tamara Ivetic  
Manager  
New Clubs Department

Irene Papaurelis  
Manager  
Leadership Administration



Join the Lions of Chiredzi to celebrate their Golden Jubilee on the 7th of November 2015.





# CABINET MEETING & CHANGE DINNER



Cabinet Officers pay attention to Region Chair Lion Henry Mathanga (standing) as he stresses a point to the house



PDG Ray Sibanda conducts the changeover ceremony

On the 29th of August, the District Governor convened the first cabinet meeting of the year in the city of Harare at Meikles Hotel. The event was coordinated by Lions of Harare The Phoenix led by Lion President Thabani Gambiza.

In his inaugural address to Cabinet, the DG Lion Dr. Alva Senderayi highlighted the membership challenges affecting the District. He was however pleased by the establishment of the Victoria Falls Zambezi Lions Club in the first quarter of his year.

He impressed upon the cabinet officers to target establishment of four clubs every trimester. He applauded the Leo leaders for convening the First All Africa Leo Forum in Victoria Falls.

He was also pleased with the bright start to the year by a few clubs whole have done multiple projects for their communities.

The DG encouraged the Lions to take part in the LCIF Measles and Rubella campaign which is taking off in Zimbabwe.

He also highlighted the need to develop leaders in the District by encouraging Lions to attend the SLLI and FDI programs set for Lagos, Nigeria in February 2016.

## The Dinner of Change!

On the evening of 29th of August, it was time for Immediate Past District Governor, Lion Jean Mathanga to handover the chain of office to the new District Governor, Lion Dr. Alva Senderayi.

The ceremony held at Meikles Hotel was presided by Past District Governor Ray Sibanda (2007 - 2008) who had a few wise words for the DG Team.

The Guest of Honour was Mr. Absolom Muchandiona a Senior Partner at Danzinger & Partners Law Firm who showed a lot of admiration for the work that the Lions are doing in the community. He and his spouse were immediately inducted into Lionism by the DG Lion Dr. Alva Senderayi and were sponsored by the Phoenix President, Lion Thabani Gambiza.

IPDG Jean Mathanga who had a successful year under the theme 'Passion in Service' concluded her year by given out awards to various Clubs and individuals received from Lions Club International.



The DG Team Taking Charge of the first Cabinet Meeting



(Sitting): DAC Lion Maureen Barrett and DAC Lion Lynette Le Roux.  
Standing: DAC Lion Charity Sithole, Cabinet Secretary Lion Shuvai Phiri, PDG France Palmer and DAC Lion Ruth .



## On the Lighter Side

### AUTOMATION

A man ordered for a voice automated robot car that does anything he tells it to do correctly without any error.

He got the car and started sending it on errands. He became very proud of what the car could do without mistakes.

One day, he was home and his wife told him to tell the car to go and pick the children from school as she was very tired.

The man agreed and said to the car- Car, go and bring my children from school.

The car went and didn't return in time as expected, they knew something must be wrong. Several hours later and no car, the man became apprehensive. He dressed up and got ready to lodge a report at the police station.

As he and his wife stepped outside they saw the car coming with an overload of children.

The car parked right in front of them and said; "These are your children sir".

In the car were their Landlady's two daughters, their maid's two sons, his wife's best friend's daughter, his secretary's son and their neighbors two sons.

The Wife said; Don't tell me all these are your children ?

The man asked her calmly; Can you first tell me why our children are not in the car ? ..



## 7 Cardinal Rules For Life

- 1) Make peace with your past**  
so it won't disturb your present.
- 2) What other people think of you**  
is none of your business.
- 3) Time heals almost everything.**  
Give it time.
- 4) No one is in charge**  
of your happiness. Except you.
- 5) Don't compare your life to others**  
and don't judge them, you have no idea what their journey is all about.
- 6) Stop thinking too much.**  
Its alright not to know the answers.  
They will come to you when you least expect it.
- 7) Smile.**  
You don't own all the problems in the world.

### PSYCHOLOGY vs LAW

A guy asked a girl in a library, "Do you mind if I sit beside you?"

The girl answered with a loud voice, "I DON'T WANT TO SPEND THE NIGHT WITH YOU!!!"

All the students in the library started staring at the guy, and he was embarrassed.

After a couple of minutes, the girl walked quietly to the guy's table and she told him, "I study psychology, and I know what a man is thinking. I guess you felt embarrassed, right?"

The guy responded with a loud voice, "\$200 JUST FOR ONE NIGHT!? THAT'S TOO MUCH!!!"

And all the people in the library looked at the girl in shock, and the guy whispered in her ear, "I study law, and I know how to make someone feel guilty."