

DISTRICT 412

PASSION IN SERVICE



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LIONS DISTRICT 412 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER



Lions of Blantyre organised a project to donate blood to their local hospitals

WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

‘Service with Passion’
‘Strengthen the Pride’

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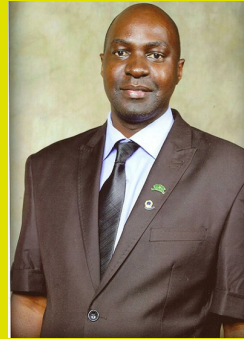
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"Failure is not a single, cataclysmic event. You don't fail overnight. Instead, failure is a few errors in judgment, repeated every day." -- Jim Rohn

Editorial Comments



Fellow Lions, we have gone 3 months into the year of **Passion in Service** and perhaps we need to take stock of our achievements this far. We started the year with a clear mandate from our International President to **Strengthen the Pride**.

Have we asked new members to join us? Have we done any activities towards the Centennial Celebrations? Are we in good standing with LCI? Are our MMRs up to date? Do our Club Officers have access to MyLCI? Have we done any projects to serve the Youth in the month of August? Are we ready to 'share the vision' in October?

Fellow Lions, through our work we can make a difference and impact positively in the communities that we serve. I urge **ALL** of us to do a self introspection and make efforts to strengthen our clubs and renew our passion in service.

As we approach the month of October let us all ensure that we live up to Helen Keller's challenge to be **KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND** by doing projects around eye care!

Once again I thank all the Clubs, Zones and Regions who contributed to this month's newsletter, keep up the good work! District Publicity Team, Lion Doreen and Lion Lynette, I **SALUTE YOU!**

With **PASSION**, WE SERVE!.

Lion Piraishe Mabhena
D412 Newsletter Editor



FROM THE DG's DESK

Dear Club and District Leaders,



As I draft this message, it occurs to me that we are now one quarter gone into the year. Have we tackled our set goals a quarter way too or even more? Are we winning in our efforts to rebuild our District through membership growth and quality service? The answer to these questions will define how you spend the rest of your year. Fortunately, Lions tend to be eternal optimists, with no task too great to overcome. We are always striving to succeed in everything we do. We agreed at the beginning of the year that we will not take "okay" as a measure. We will not be satisfied with just being part of the group. We will strive to be the best. We will work towards leaving a legacy.

We saw winners/champions of the 1st quarter. Who are going to be champions of the 2nd quarter? Is it your Zone? Is it your Club? Is it you? Remember, **YOU NEED TO EXCELL** in Community Service; Communication; Leadership Development and Management most of all Membership growth. Our growing ranks of community minded members allows us to not only respond to disasters, but also to respond to the everyday needs of communities throughout the District, as only Lions can. Nelson Mandela once said and I quote ***"What counts in Life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead"*** I saw this quotation nicely framed and hanged in an Airtel Lounge (a communication service provider). This caught my attention in that, "if a company that provides **service** in communication recognises the importance of selfless service, what more with an organisation like ours whose motto is **service** itself".

Members - both current and new, is the focus of our District this year. Club Leader, you should be reviewing the "How Are Your Ratings?" survey and identify areas of improvement (and share the results with club members and district DG Team; GMT and GLT). This survey of members is not meant to be a pass/fail proposition. Instead, it is an opportunity to assess the needs of your members, and make changes accordingly. The mark of a great leader is the ability to respond positively to constructive criticism. This is also a time to ensure members are well-informed regarding club and district activities, and encourage involvement. Involved members are happy members, and happy members are productive. It is particularly important to hold a compelling induction ceremony for your new members. Do you have your induction kits? Are you able to order? If not, please let me know. I will make arrangements to source these. Get new members started on the right track by demonstrating how important they are to your club. After all, they are now LIONS! For club presidents, this is also the perfect time to assess where your club stands on reaching the achievement of the best Club of the quarter. Is your Club fully participating in your scheduled Regional Conference? , Congratulations to Region 3 for being the first to hold your conference in the weekend of 26th to 28th September. Region 1 are next in second weekend of October. Region 2 and Region 4, when are you getting together? Remember the early you meet the better if you as a Region will move together.

As we come to the end of the first quarter of our Lions year, I am happy to report that we have accomplished a great deal in Service and Leadership training, but there is still room for doing better in membership recruitment. Remember it isn't too late to improve and invite members into our Clubs. The period remaining is longer than what we have spent so far. So.....just "ASK 1".

I now leave you this month with one question – **WILL YOU BE THE NEXT WINNER OF THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S QUARTERLY AWARDS?**

DG Jean Mathanga



Strengthen The Pride

- through Membership growth

You can strengthen your club and earn special recognition by adding new members in October and April.

Here's what you can earn in the Membership Growth Awards:

- ◆ Silver Pin – for Lions who sponsor a new member in October 2014
- ◆ Gold Pin – for Lions who sponsor a member in October 2014 and April 2015
- ◆ Banner Patch – for clubs that add new members in October 2014 and April 2015

Together in service,
Joe Preston Your International President



The theme for the 2014-15 Peace Poster Contest is "Peace, Love and Understanding." Students ages 11, 12 and 13 are eligible to participate. If you are interested in sponsoring the Lions International Peace Poster Contest, the deadline to order a kit is **October 1st**.

To order online, go to Club Supplies (Item Search: Peace Poster Kit). These kits are available in all 11 of our official languages. Lions all over the world are working towards a common goal –serving 100 million people by 2017 as part of the Centennial Service Challenge.

The Peace Poster Contest falls under the Global Service Action Campaign of Engaging Our Youth. In order for your service to count towards this goal, record your activity on MyLCI.

You can then post your activity on Facebook and other social media sites by using the hashtag #LIONS100 so that other clubs can see how you're making an impact.



RAP @ SHALOM CHILDREN'S HOME



In celebration of **World Literacy Day** on the 8th of September, **Lions Club of Harare the Phoenix** had Reading Action Program at Shalom Children's Home, Marlborough, Harare. They donated reading charts and snacks. The children were taught on the importance of literacy and engaged in several educational activities and games, including chart reading and songs. The Lions also had World Literacy Day awareness on three Radio Stations namely Radio Zimbabwe, ZiFM Stereo and Star FM throughout the day.



Lion Maureen Barrett

Nominations Committee
Chairperson 2014 - 2015



PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE Deadline WEDNESDAY, 1st October 2014

NOMINATIONS TO BE FORWARDED TO: THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE with copy to THE CABINET SECRETARY

The criteria for a Lions Club to Endorse & Nominate candidates include:

- 1) Nomination by a majority of club members at a properly constituted club Meeting
- 2) The Lions Club being in "Good Standing" by payment to LCI and D-412 of Dues and any Other Monies owed for the past and for the current period – 1st July to 31st December 2014 and provide PROOF of payment. Confirmation of payments will be requested from the D412 Cabinet Treasurer & Assistant Country Treasurers.

Also on the D-412 Website you will find the LCI Criteria which MUST be fulfilled by DG & 1st VDG & 2nd VDG candidates.

In addition, you will find copies of the D-412 Endorsement / Nomination Forms for DG & 1st VDG & 2nd VDG candidates attached.

HEALTH ALERT - THE EBOLA VIRUS

What is Ebola?

Ebola virus disease, formerly known as Ebola hemorrhagic fever, is described by the World Health Organization (WHO) as "a severe, often fatal illness in humans." It is mainly found in tropical Central and West Africa, and can have a 90 per cent mortality rate - although it is now at about 60 per cent.

How is it transmitted?

The virus is known to live in fruit bats, and normally affects people living in or near tropical rainforests. It is introduced into the human population through close contact with the sweat, blood, secretions, organs or other bodily fluids of infected animals such as chimpanzees, gorillas, fruit bats, monkeys, forest antelope and porcupines found ill or dead or in the rainforest.

What does it do to the body?

Symptoms begin with fever, muscle pain and a sore throat, then rapidly escalate to vomiting, diarrhea and internal and external bleeding. The incubation period, that is, the time interval from infection with the virus to onset of symptoms, is from two to 21 days. Early treatment improves a patient's chances of survival.

How is it treated?

There is currently no vaccine or cure, and testing to confirm the virus must be done with the highest level of bio-hazard protection. Severely ill patients require intensive supportive. Patients are frequently dehydrated and require oral rehydration with solutions containing electrolytes or intravenous fluids.



ZONE 1A & 1B TRAINING IN PICTURES



LEFT:

A group photo of the Lions who attended the Lions Orientation Training for Zone 1A and 1B which took place in Blantyre on Saturday, the 13th of September 2014 at Ryalls Protea Hotel.

Among the delegates was the DG Lion Jean Mathanga.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM

Fellow lions,

The state of our district as of 21st september, 2014 is as follows;

Total district membership is **930** in **49** active clubs. Out of the 49 clubs, only 2 clubs have reported their activities for the month of September, 2014.

8 clubs have not submitted their PU101 forms to LCI and the clubs are; Beira, Kariba, Karoi, Kasungu, Mabelreign, Marondera, Selebi Phikwe and Tonota.

18 clubs in our District are still not up to date with their Monthly Membership Reports.

The clubs are:

MALAWI

Bwaila last MMR was on 01/2014
Dedza last MMR was on 02/2014
Lilongwe last MMR was on 01/2014
Zomba last MMR was on 05/2014

ZIMBABWE

Harare City last MMR report was on 05/2014
Kadoma last MMR report was on 03/2013
Kariba last MMR report was on 08/2013
Karoi last MMR report was on 08/2013
Mabelreign last MMR report was on 10/2012



PDG Lion Ray Sibanda

D412 GMT Coordinator
2014 - 2017



ZIMBABWE

Marondera last MMR report was on 09/2010
Mutare the Mt Dew last MMR report was on 03/2014
Rusape last MMR report was on 03/2014

Botswana

Francistown last MMR was on 06/2014
Francistown Jubilee last MMR report was on 01/2014
Francistown Tati last MMR report was on 06/2014
Jwaneng last MMR report was on 04/2014
Selebi Phikwe last MMR report was on 04/2014
Tonota last MMR report was on 05/2014
Fellow Lion Leaders, Club Presidents, Zone Chairpersons and Region Chairpersons, please let us all put our heads together and help these clubs.

From the desk of the SD412 GMT Coordinator,
PDG Ray Sibanda PMJF



SUNGLASSES DONATION



Lions of Maun-Greater distributed Sunglasses to residents of Mababe village about 120 km outside of Maun. Four Lions represented the club namely Lion President Lion Faith Mukoko, IPP Lion Onkagetse Present, Treasurer Lion Kelebogile Disang and Club Advisor PDG Lion Frances Palmer. At the beginning of this Lionistic year during the 1st Business meeting the Club decided that was need for more Lions visibility. Since there are Lion members of Maun who are working at the Maun Administrative Authority Council, they made a request to them that whenever the Council is going out to the villages they should inform the club and any Lions who are available should accompany them and do an activity, e.g. sell Lionism. This time a company was presenting solar lamps to the village so the Lions took advantage of this event and accompanied them.



RAP @ KARENG HOSTEL



On the 13th of September 2014, the **Lions of Maun-Greater** visited Kareng Hostel, an orphanage which is about 125km from Maun. Five Maun-Greater Lions club members attended the presentation namely President Lion Faith Mukoko, IPP Lion Onkagetse Present, Treasurer Lion Kelebogile Disang; Vice Secretary Lion Kgomo Mthibi and Board Member Lion Donna Mangra. The donations included **6 cartoons of reading books, female football kits and sunglasses**. The Members spent the entire day with the students. At the hostel, there are 400 students. Maun Greater Administrative Authority officers also attended the presentation and the Council provided the transport for the Lions members.



LIONS CHANGE LIVES



Lions Changed My Life - the story of Nicholas Matavire

In 2011, the then Lions Club President of Chiredzi, Lion Dr. James Mugwisi identified Nicholas Matavire, an 8 year old boy living among the blind community of Chiredzi. He was born with facial deformities and as a result had dropped out of school. His mother (who is now late) was blind and survived on handouts (begging) in the town of Chiredzi.

The Lion President had a vision to change this boy's life. In December of 2011, a team of Surgeons visited South Africa to carry out operations to fix people with Nicholas' condition. Normally these operations cost between US\$30,000 - US\$80,000 depending on the level of complexity. The Lions of Chiredzi raised money for Nicholas to travel to South Africa for this operation and also provided for his upkeep and the mother. THE OPERATION WAS A SUCCESS!

The Lions took the next step and decided to enroll Nicholas back to school taking care of his school fees and uniforms. Nicholas is making steady progress towards his education and is currently top of his class doing Grade 5 at Shingai Primary School in Chiredzi.

BLANTYRE DONATE BLOOD



On the 6th of September, Lions of Blantyre donated blood. The beneficiaries of this exercise are all Malawians especially the less privileged who cannot afford the private hospitals. This blood is donated to government hospitals nationwide.



FUN & FELLOWSHIP IN SERVICE

SOCCER GALA FUNDRAISER

Lions Club of Triangle held their annual Soccer fundraiser on 30th August, 2014 at Gibbo Stadium. It was a family fun-filled day. It was action from start to finish as evidenced by the number of teams that participated.

- ◆ 13 soccer teams
- ◆ 6 netball teams
- ◆ 2 tug-of-war teams

On sale was sadza and beef stew prepared by the Lions, and the Lions were also running the bar. The Club managed to raise USD\$697 from this fun-filled family event.



The fierce Netball contest underway



Event sponsors, Main Protective Clothing were represented at the function by Lion Cosmin Dodo, the Manager at their Chiredzi branch.



The winners were presented with playing kits donated by the sponsors, Main Protective Clothing.



Lions with their families and friends enjoy dinner at Sana Restaurant

Bwaila Lions Club organized a dinner meeting at Sana Restaurant. 16 September was a family day, Members brought family and friends, introducing them to Lionism. After dinner Lions took time to interact with Street kids.

On the 26th of July, **Bwaila Lions Club** distributed Drugs to Maula Prison worth 13,000 USD and a Team of Volunteer Doctors and Nurses helped treating the inmates. It was an open day, Social games, snacks and Music were arranged.



Bwaila Lions Club members wishing inmates a good social game



Tug of war - Interaction with Maula Prison Inmates



The KWEKWE EXPO

Zone 2D Lions took part in the Kwekwe Expo from the 25th to the 27th of September 2014 and won a prize. There were many categories in the expo and our exhibition was under NGOs. I am thrilled to inform you to that we came third among many NGO stands exhibiting at the Expo. It was the first time ever for Lions to take part in the expo and we won a certificate. The Expo brought a lot of visibility to Lionism and we had quite a number of Prospective Lions whom we have invited to our 2nd zone meeting to be held on the 1st of November 2014.

Report by Lion Cathrine Marapira, Zone 2D Chairperson



Top: FVDG Lion Dr Alva Senderayi (extreme right) with PZC Lion Robert Marapira (left), Lion Demetria Nduna and Lion Charity Sithole.

Top Right: Lion President Charity Sithole and Lion Harish Naran (Treasurer Lions Club of Kwekwe)

Right: Kwekwe Expo Guest of Honour, Minister of Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Cde Emerson D. Mnangagwa at the Lions stand.



AID TO THE DISABLED



On the 13th of September, **Zvishavane Lions Club** organized a fund raising dinner at their Den to raise money for a girl child from Chibi who needs plasters every week in Bulawayo for her legs.

At that event, a wheelchair was also handed over to Ms. Monica Makonye from Mazvihwa who is disabled.



LEOS CORNER

Meet the Leo, Meet the Lion.

About 300 Leos and Lions from District 412 stepped away from their life routines on Sunday, July 6th to participate in the ground breaking event '**Charter Celebrations, Inauguration Ceremony and Meet the Leo, Meet the LION**' which had been a glimmer in the eyes of most Leos in Manicaland but after the spread of influence by the Manicaland Leos, Kriste Mambo Leos were compelled to make it a reality.

LION Andrew Mvere (LEOS Director), LION Moses Mukoyi (Immediate Past President for Rusape LIONS Club) and Leo Tanyaradzwa Nzvengende (LEOS President for District 412) were the featured speakers. LION Andrew emphasized on the essence of Lionism in our communities and urged incoming Leos to strive and leave a mark on the sands of time. Leo Tanya shared the joy she feels when young people around the age of 12 are also inaugurated to be Leos and how important to catch them young into the world of service. LION Moses remarked "... the job of Leos is to build and not to destroy."



The event came to life when LION Vimbayi (Guest of Honour and Zone Chairperson) with the help of Leo Tanya handed over Certificates of Organisation to St Faiths, Kriste Mambo and St Davids Bonda to declare the clubs affiliated to LIONS International. Rusape LIONS and District Board 412 Executives also witnessed the induction of Leos from St Marys' Magdalene, Marist Nyanga, Mavhudzi High School and Nyazura High School.

With motivation from long term running LIONS, a chance to interact with other service minded people and celebrations through dance, song and well served lunch, it was truly a day to remember.



Some Tips to manage your Leo Club

Addressing Conflict

Club discussion is valuable for building a team environment, but inner-club conflict may arise when Leos express a difference of opinion during a club meeting. It is normal for club conflicts to feel challenging.

To prepare for this situation, you should:

- ◆ Know when and how to rule a member "out of order", call for a vote, table a discussion, or refer the discussion to a committee.
- ◆ Ask the Leo to state the disputed issue in the form of a motion.
- ◆ Understand that this Leo wants to either: raise awareness of the issue; request action on the issue; or express an opinion.
- ◆ Allow fellow Leos to help settle the dispute. Most Leos are interested in maintaining order during club meetings. Their intervention may be helpful.
- ◆ Enter the resolution into the official club minutes.

When handled constructively, differences of opinion can:

- ◆ Encourage the exchange of valuable opinions.
- ◆ Stimulate interest in an activity.
- ◆ Reveal problems.
- ◆ Resolve tension.
- ◆ Increase motivation.

Resolving Conflict

Implementing the following actions in addressing conflicts will further help to resolve any conflicts that may arise.

- ◆ **Define the problem** – State the problem in writing. Be sure the problem has been defined and is not just a symptom of the problem.
- ◆ **Uncover the facts** – Request input from both sides of the problem. Obtain data from outside sources, too.
- ◆ **Organize the facts** – This step is required when complex issues are involved.
- ◆ **Determine solutions** – Consider various possible solutions while searching for the best solution.
- ◆ **Realize the consequences** – Before deciding on a solution, consider the possible consequences of each solution.
- ◆ **Act on the solution** – At this time, establish how you will know that the problem has been solved.
- ◆ **Evaluate your solution** – Officers should oversee the process to verify that the solution has been achieved.



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE...



There was a farmer who had a horse and a goat.....

One day, the horse became ill and he called the veterinarian, who said: Well, your horse has a virus. He must take this medicine for three days. I'll come back on the 3rd day and if he's not better, we're going to have to put him down.

Nearby, the goat listened closely to their conversation.

The next day, they gave him the medicine and left. The goat approached the horse and said: - Be strong, my friend. Get up or else they're going to put you to sleep!

On the second day, they gave him the medicine and left. The goat came back and said: - Come on buddy, get up or else you're going to die! Come on, I'll help you get up. Let's go! One, two, three...

On the third day, they came to give him the medicine and the vet said:- Unfortunately, we're going to have to put him down tomorrow. Otherwise, the virus might spread and infect the other horses. After they left, the goat approached the horse and said: Listen pal, it's now or never! Get up, come on! Have courage! Come on! Get up! Get up! That's it, slowly! Great! Come on, one, two, three... Good, good. Now faster, come on..... Fantastic! Run, run more! Yes! Yay! Yes! You did it, you're a champion!!!

All of a sudden, the owner came back, saw the horse running in the field and began shouting: It's a miracle! My horse is cured. We must have a grand party. Let's Cook the goat!!!

Lesson:

Management never knows which employee actually deserves the appraisal.

Five undeniable Facts of Life

1. Don't educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be Happy. So when they grow up they will know the value of things not the price.
2. "Eat your food as your medicines. Otherwise you have to eat medicines as your food".
3. The One who loves you will never leave you because even if there are 100 reasons to give up he will find one reason to hold on.
4. There is a lot of difference between human being and being human. A few understand it.
5. You are loved when you are born. You will be loved when you die. In between You have to manage...!



At dinner, a little boy was ordered to lead in prayer...

BOY: "But I don't know how to pray."

DAD: "Just pray for your family members, friends and neighbors, the poor, etc."

BOY: "Dear Lord" he started, "Thank you for our visitors and their children who finished all my cookies and ice cream. Bless them so they won't come again. Forgive our neighbor's son, who removed my sister's clothes and wrestled with her on her bed. This Christmas, please send clothes to all those poor naked ladies on my daddy's Blackberry and provide shelter for the homeless men who use mom's room when daddy is at work."

°AMEN°

Dinner was canceled!

