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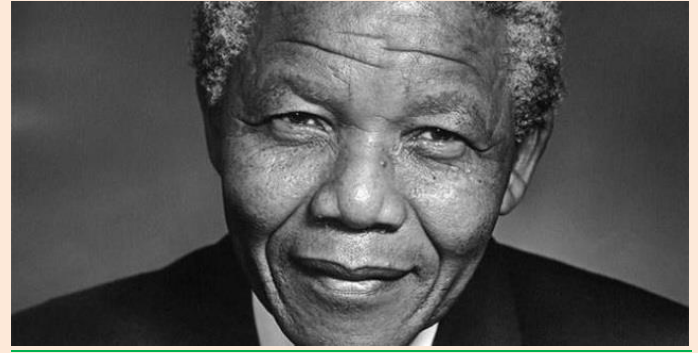
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Lions Mourns Madiba

5 Dec 2013 – a day that will remain in people's minds for many years to come. South Africa's first black president and anti-apartheid icon, Nelson Mandela died at the age of 95 after a long illness.



Madiba's Life in Short

1918 Born in the Eastern Cape

1943 Joined African National Congress

1956 Charged with high treason, but charges dropped after a four-year trial

1962 Arrested, convicted of incitement and leaving country without a passport, sentenced to five years in prison

1964 Charged with sabotage, sentenced to life

1990 Freed from prison

1993 Wins Nobel Peace Prize

1994 Elected first black president

1999 Steps down as leader

2001 Diagnosed with prostate cancer

2004 Retires from public life

2005 Announces his son has died of an HIV/Aids-related illness

I know Lions around the world join me in expressing their sincere condolences to the people of South Africa as they mourn the death of their former president Nelson Mandela. As a freedom fighter, statesman, and ambassador of peace, President Mandela set an example for millions of people to emulate. His passion for others and his demonstrated ability to bring people together endeared him to people from every culture. His position of non-violence even in the midst of turbulent times set him apart and elevated his prominence as a world leader. There can be no better example of his universal respect than his being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He served the people not only of South Africa, but of every nation. Even after he left the office of President, he remained at the forefront of civil rights. He belonged to the world, and the world will miss him. It is the fervent hope of Lions Clubs International and our members in 208 countries that Nelson Mandela's platform of peace will continue to influence world leaders and usher in a millennium of peace and understanding.

Sincerely,

Barry J. Palmer



A Christmas Miracle

When I recall precious Christmas memories, I think of a very special story, one which represents the magic and glory of the season. This is a true story, A story that I think will cause YOU to believe ...

Three years ago, a little boy and his grandmother came to see my Santa at Mayfair Mall in Wisconsin. The child climbed up on his lap, holding a picture of a little girl.

"Who is this?" asked Santa, smiling. "Your friend? Your sister?"

"Yes, Santa," he replied. "My sister, Sarah, who is very sick," he said sadly. Santa glanced over at the grandmother who was waiting nearby, and saw her dabbing her eyes with a tissue.

"She wanted to come with me to see you, oh, so very much, Santa!" the child exclaimed. "She misses you," he added softly.

Santa tried to be cheerful and encouraged a smile to the boy's face, asking him what he wanted Santa to bring him for Christmas. When they finished their visit, the Grandmother came over to help the child off his lap, and started to say something to Santa, but halted.

"What is it?" Santa asked warmly.

"Well, I know it's really too much to ask you, Santa, but" the old woman began, shooing her grandson over to one of Santa's elves to collect the little gift which Santa gave all his young visitors. "The girl in the photograph ... my granddaughter ... well, you see ... she has leukemia and isn't expected to make it even through the holidays," she said through tear-filled eyes. "Is there any way, Santa ... any possible way that you could come see Sarah? That's all she's asked for, for Christmas, is to see Santa."

Santa blinked and swallowed hard and told the woman to leave information with his elves as to where Sarah was, and he would see what he could do.

Santa thought of little else the rest of that afternoon. He knew what he had to do. "What if it were MY child lying in that hospital bed, dying," he thought with a sinking heart, "this is the least I can do."

When Santa finished visiting with all the boys and girls that evening, he retrieved from his helper the name of the hospital where Sarah was staying. He asked the assistant location manager how to get to Children's Hospital. "Why?" Rick asked, with a puzzled look on his face. Santa relayed to him the conversation with Sarah's grandmother earlier that day. "C'mon I'll take you there," Rick said softly.

Rick drove them to the hospital and came inside with Santa. They found out which room Sarah was in. A pale Rick said he would wait out in the hall.

Santa quietly peeked into the room through the half-closed door and saw little Sarah on the bed. The room was full of what appeared to be her family; there was the Grandmother and the girl's brother he had met earlier that day. A woman whom he guessed was Sarah's mother stood by the bed, gently pushing Sarah's thin hair off her forehead. And another woman who he discovered later was Sarah's aunt, sat in a chair near the bed with a weary, sad look on her face. They were talking quietly, and Santa could sense the warmth and closeness of the family, and their love and concern for Sarah.

Taking a deep breath, and forcing a smile on his face, Santa entered the room, bellowing a hearty, "Ho, ho, ho!"

"Santa!" shrieked little Sarah weakly, as she tried to escape her bed to run to him, IV tubes intact.

Santa rushed to her side and gave her a warm hug. A child the tender age of his own son -- 9 years old -- gazed up at him with wonder and excitement. Her skin was pale and her short tresses bore telltale bald patches from the effects of chemotherapy. But all he saw when he looked at her was a pair of huge, blue eyes.

His heart melted, and he had to force himself to choke back tears. Though his eyes were riveted upon Sarah's face, he could hear the gasps and quiet sobbing of the women in the room. As he and Sarah began talking, the family crept quietly to the bedside one by one, squeezing Santa's shoulder or his hand gratefully,



whispering "thank you" as they gazed sincerely at him with shining eyes.

Santa and Sarah talked and talked, and she told him excitedly all the toys she wanted for Christmas, assuring him she'd been a very good girl that year. As their time together dwindled, Santa felt led in his spirit to pray for Sarah, and asked for permission from the girl's mother. She nodded in agreement and the entire family circled around Sarah's bed, holding hands.

Santa looked intensely at Sarah and asked her if she believed in angels. "Oh, yes, Santa ... I do!" she exclaimed.

"Well, I'm going to ask that angels watch over you," he said.

Laying one hand on the child's head, Santa closed his eyes and prayed. He asked that God touch little Sarah, and heal her body from this disease. He asked that angels minister to her, watch and keep her. And when he finished praying, still with eyes closed, he started singing softly, "Silent Night, Holy Night ... all is calm, all is bright." The family joined in, still holding hands, smiling at Sarah, and crying tears of hope, tears of joy for this moment, as Sarah beamed at them all.

When the song ended, Santa sat on the side of the bed again and held Sarah's frail, small hands in his own. "Now, Sarah," he said authoritatively, "you have a job to do, and that is to concentrate on getting well. I want you to have fun playing with your friends this summer, and I expect to see you at my house at Mayfair Mall this time next year!"

He knew it was risky proclaiming that, to this little girl who had terminal cancer, but he **had** to. He had to give her the greatest gift he could -- not dolls or games or toys -- but the gift of HOPE.

"Yes, Santa!" Sarah exclaimed, her eyes bright. He leaned down and kissed her on the forehead and left the room.

Out in the hall, the minute Santa's eyes met Rick's, a look passed between them and they wept unashamed.

Sarah's mother and grandmother slipped out of the room quickly and rushed to Santa's side to thank him. "My only child is the same age as Sarah," he explained quietly. "This is the least I could do." They nodded with understanding and hugged him.

One year later, Santa Mark was again back on the set in Milwaukee for his six-week, seasonal job which he so loves to do. Several weeks went by and then one day a child came up to sit on his lap. "Hi, Santa! Remember me?!"

"Of course, I do," Santa proclaimed (as he always does), smiling down at her. After all, the secret to being a *good* Santa is to always make each child feel as if they are the *only* child in the world at that moment.

"You came to see me in the hospital last year!"

Santa's jaw dropped. Tears immediately sprang in his eyes, and he grabbed this little miracle and held her to his chest. "Sarah!" he exclaimed. He scarcely recognized her, for her hair was long and silky and her cheeks were rosy -- much different from the little girl he had visited just a year before.

He looked over and saw Sarah's mother and grandmother in the sidelines smiling and waving and wiping their eyes.

That was the best Christmas ever for Santa Claus. He had witnessed -- and been blessed to be instrumental in bringing about -- this miracle of hope.

This precious little child was healed. Cancer-free. Alive and well. He silently looked up to Heaven and humbly whispered,

"Thank you, Father. 'Tis a very, merry Christmas!"

Publisher's Note: This story has circulated widely on the Internet over the last 3 years with "Author Unknown" in the byline. The story was told by Mark R. Leonard, a professional Santa Claus and written by his wife, Susan Leonard, a.k.a "Mrs. Claus:"



The Chimbanda Triplets

The Chimbanda family resides at Section 22 Area 1 Triangle Estates where their head of family, Mr Jacob Chimbanda works as a General Hand. Mr and Mrs Chimbanda had five children prior to the arrival of their triplets on 18th October 2013 at Colin Saunders Hospital.



While this is a welcome blessing and a moment of joy for very mother and father, the arrival of the triplets (two little beautiful girls and a boy) have brought with it insurmountable difficulties for the Chimbanda family.



These include the obvious and very heavy demand on the family to meet the daily needs of the five elder children whose ages range from 2 to 15 years including the **very special requirements** for the new arrivals.



The triplets who were born pre-term have both food and non-food needs. Lions Club Triangle saw the need to assist these children with goods to assist them. The Lions Club donated cash which then was used to buy some of those goods to assist the family with the immediate needs for the children.

Lion Angela together with Lion Max then ran with this project to present the gifts to the mother of the triplets. Lioness Dr Enesia Mudenha was also present.

**Lion Angela Chidarara
(Member)**



MURRAY MACDOUGAL JKA
SHOTOKAN KARATE GRADING
2013

Congratulations to all the karate students that passed their grading on 28th November 2013. Grading was carried out by Sensei Andrew J. Musiwa 3rd Dan qualified examiner assisted by Golden Musiwa 3rd Dan Black belt. I would like to thank all the karate students, parents for their financial and spiritual support, dedication and commitment to karate development. The results of the grading were as follows:-

Zade Patel	Green Belt - Stripe 1
Kudzai Vudzijena	Green Belt - Stripe 1
Anesu Makopa	Green Belt - Stripe 1
Nkosi Khumalo	Green Belt - Stripe 1
Liyanda Ncube	Yellow Belt – Stripe 2
Tapiwa Ganga	Yellow Belt – Stripe 2
Jaden Forbes	Yellow Belt – Stripe 2
Angela Chinhuru	Yellow Belt – Stripe 2
Tariro Mazambani	Yellow Belt – Stripe 2
Tinashe Manyonga	Yellow Belt – Stripe 2
James Khan	Yellow Belt – Stripe 2
Tariro Gopoza	Yellow Belt – Stripe 2
Lailah Patel	Yellow Belt - Stripe 1
Simbarashe Maisiri	Yellow Belt – Stripe 1
Ropafadzo Maisiri	Yellow Belt – Stripe 1
Nayan Pinto	Yellow Belt – Stripe 1
Tanaka Shereni	Yellow Belt – Stripe 1
Saun Pfavayi	Yellow Belt – Stripe 1
Brendon Kuttner	Yellow Belt – Stripe 1
Tadiwa Mkudu	Yellow Belt – Stripe 1
Kumbirai Mutamba	Yellow Belt – Stripe 1

Gilmore Chiororo	Yellow Belt – Stripe 1
Lesley Vhedza	Yellow Belt – Stripe 1
Robbyn Peters	Yellow Belt



Evidenced by the above grading, the karate club started after having being approached by various parents and children who had developed interest. The club

was then resuscitated in January 2011 after it was not functional for many years. The club had graded 42 coloured belts to date with green belt stripe one (1) being the highest at the moment. It was encouraging to note that a number of junior girls have developed interest in the sport, the youngest of the students being 8 years old. I hope that the karate family continues to grow both mentally and spiritually.



There are a lot of bad things happening in today's world associated with abuse, bullying, rape and theft, by rooting self

defence into these children at an early age it helps us make the world a more peaceful place, if they can help themselves, they can as well help others who can't defend themselves that are in difficult situations. Karate also assists with mental growth, maturity and leadership. Karate is the base for their future.

Thank you for your continued support JKA Shotokan karate.

The ultimate aim of karate lies not in victory or defeat, but in the perfection of character of its participants'

Sensei Monica Peters (2nd Dan Black belt)



Carols by Candlelight

Probably one of our most supported functions of 2013, Carols by Candlelight, held on Friday 13th December, was a great success and a wonderful way to end 2013. Led by Lion Miley Patel and Lioness Lana Patel, this was a function that truly brought the Christmas spirit into our Community. Entertained by a group of Children, who formed the 'Lions Choir', we had a great hour plus of musical enjoyment. A crowd favourite was definitely "The Twelve Days of Christmas" which was sang twice.

It was also great to see so many Lions come together and be united as a team, wearing their Lions shirts with pride. Lionesses were also there to show their support. At the end of the night, there were at least 140 people at the Den, a tremendous effort, which left most Lions thinking that this was definitely a Christmas Miracle. We finally understood why Lioness Lana keeps insisting that we involve children in as many projects as we can, as Children bring people together and this was obvious to see.



A very big thank you to fellow Lion Ray, also Headmaster of Murray MacDougall School for all his assistance. Management and staff at TCC for their continued support. Thanks to the Lions who donated, showed their support and for making sure the function ran smoothly.



Finally thanks to the children who gave up some time in their holidays, to put on such a fantastic show for everyone. Their spirit was truly amazing and hopefully their energy has rubbed off on our club.



As a club, we still need to follow through and complete our projects, especially the cleaning up of the Den, after all our functions. Hopefully 2014 will bring in a much needed change in this regard.

Lion Les
1st Vice President



Getting to Know Lion Glenn

1. Would you prefer high salary or job satisfaction?

Job satisfaction any day.

2. If you could change your career path, what would you do and why?

I would like to manage a fishing camp on the Zambezi as I have always wanted to work outside in the open air.

3. What do you think about yourself and do others see you in the same way?

I think I am a helpful person but sometimes feel that others see me as wanting to take over.

4. What makes to angry and how do you over come it?

Dishonesty....I retreat and go find someone who shares the same ideals as me.

5. Which is the best family holiday you have had to date?

Victoria Falls a few years ago when we booked into Illala Lodge Just Cele and my girls.

6. If you could have lunch with any 3 people (real, fiction, alive or dead) who would they be and why?

Kevin Van Dam – so I could ask him about how he catches all the bass / My folks – As I am not sure when I will see them again / The late Ghandi – so as to understand his theories.



7. What is your most cherished Lowveld memory?

There are so many....being on top of my game and winning the Fisher Yagden Comp.

8. Name something you would still like to achieve in this lifetime?

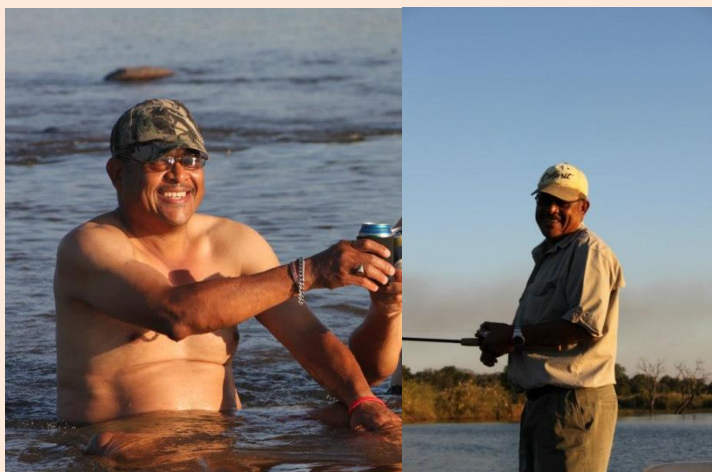
Doing enough for Charity so that one day I get awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship.

9. Known as Lion Grandpa, what is the thing you look forward to about being a grandpa?

The time I will spend with my grandkids and helping to give them an all round take on life

10. What is your wish for 2014?

Good health, Loving family and friends





Tasty Treats

Best Brownies Ever (serves 12-14)

Have you ever wondered how to make chocolate brownies? And make them taste so good that everyone wants YOUR recipe? Well, you've arrived at the best brownie recipe ever folks. Seriously!

I'm not a huge fan of white chocolate myself but trust me, do not leave this ingredient out as it adds a crunchy caramel-tasting flavour to the brownies which is what makes them such a hit. This recipe will serve 12-14 people easily but I recommend making a double mixture and then pouring the batter into an oven tray to cover the entire surface area of the tray. Half a mixture fills half a tray (although you could spread it all out and the brownies will then just be thinner).

Ingredients:

200g Butter
1/2 Cup Cocoa (make sure its good quality)
2 Cups Brown Sugar
1 Teaspoon Vanilla Essence
1 Cup Flour
2 Eggs
100g white chocolate, cut into small bits
100g dark chocolate, cut into small bits

OPTIONAL:

100g Pecan nuts (or Walnuts)

Method:

1. Melt butter in a pot with the cocoa (sieved) – do not boil.
2. Add sugar and vanilla essence and mix through. (The sugar isn't supposed to dissolve)

3. Remove from heat – sieve in the flour and stir.
4. Place mixture in mixing bowl with eggs – beat until smooth.
5. Now add the chopped up white and dark chocolate (and pecan nuts if you wish) and stir through.
6. Bake at 180°C for 30-35 minutes.

Cut whilst hot and dust with icing sugar.

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Microwave Fudge (serves 4-6)

If you feel like something sweet but don't want to leave your house, follow this **easy recipe** and whip up scrumptious pieces of **microwave fudge** in no time. For a bit of variation, add 25 ml sifted **cocoa** after adding the vanilla, or add **cherries** and/or **nuts**.

Ingredients:

1 can full cream condensed milk
100 g margarine
500 ml castor sugar
5 ml vanilla essence

Method:

1. Combine margarine, condensed milk and sugar in a large, deep, heat-resistant container.
2. Microwave on HIGH for 2 ½ minutes or until margarine is melted. Stir well to combine all the melted ingredients.
3. Microwave for 10 minutes on HIGH, stirring regularly.
4. When mixture is a light caramel colour, add vanilla essence.
5. Pour into lightly greased, flat container to set. When slightly cooled, cut into squares.



Christmas Dinner - Induction

Our Annual Christmas Dinner / Induction Dinner took place on the evening of 30th November 2013.

Ninety per cent of Lions members were present,



which made for a great crowd of people. We were joined by Mr & Mrs Tony Leatt, our guest of honour for the night. Tony Leatt has always been one of our biggest supporters, and does so much in terms of charity, which he prefers to do 'behind the scenes'.. Tony was noticeably

touched to be honoured in such a way and showed some emotion when he was saying his speech.

On this night, we also inducted 3 new members to our Club: Lion Chris, Lion Ray and Lion Mandy – we wish them all the best and hope they will continue to grow as Lions in our Pride.



This evening also marked a special achievement for Lion Lewis Tsododo, as he was voted as the Regional Youth & Environment Officer. We would like to wish Lion Lewis great success in his much deserved post.



Well done to Lion Pres and Lion Esnath for preparing for the evening, which ran very smoothly and thanks to Lions members who helped set this up.



May we continue to work hard together to achieve our common goals.

**Lion Les
1st Vice President**



Christmas Wishes

Merry Christmas to all my Pride their families. May you all prosper and that the Community and Lions in general continue to grow and support the needy.

Lion STEVE BARNETT.

Triangle Country Club wishes all Lions and their families a happy Christmas and a prosperous 2014. We will continue to support your endeavours through the next year.

Management and staff TCC.

We would like to wish all our family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Lion Glenn & Celestine Margetison

Lions of Triangle, You touched the surrounding communities in 2013 with the various initiatives to reach out to the needy. May you continue to do so especially during this festive season. Here's wishing you all a blessed Christmas full of joy and a busy New Year full of service projects!

Lion Piraishe of Lions Club of Chiredzi

Merry Christmas to our Pride and families. Wishing everyone a super safe holiday season and blessed New Year. May we always remember the reason we joined Lions Club.

Lion Les & Lion Chris

Madiba Quotes

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

- Nelson Mandela

If you want to make peace with your enemy, you have to work with your enemy. Then he becomes your partner

- Nelson Mandela

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

See you in 2014



Drinker's corner!!

