



### DISTRICT GOVERNOR: CLEVER MUGADZA MESSAGE TO THE REGION 1 CONFERENCE 30-31 AUGUST 2013



Fellow Lions leaders firstly I must apologise for not being able to be with you during this Region Conference as I have just returned from my official annual club visitation for the Francistown clubs in Botswana which also coincided with their region 4 Conference at which I was fortunate to be present. Allow me however to congratulate you as the Region 1 lions leadership for showing such urgency in fulfilling the

requirements for effective leadership training and mentorship this early in our lionistic year as that is the only proven method of ensuring that our district administration remains healthy at all times as we need to continuously upgrade our administration and leadership skills. That our district is below the required 1250 membership strength is known to us all and that if we continue on this downward spiral we are putting ourselves in danger of losing district status is also known to us. It is therefore very important that you are taking these measures for improving our club officers administration skills which will help in minimizing or limiting the number of member drops most of which have been attributed to lapses in club administration. Our International President, Barry J Palmer has appealed to us that if we retain 1 in 5 of all the lions that we were going to drop this year then our international membership targets will be easily achieved

I urge and encourage you all to make the most of this time to really get to understand how lions clubs international club administration works so and equip ourselves with the requisite skills for effective club and service administration. Our target as District 412 is to end the year with a 300 members net gain. You as the leaders of our district are the catalysts of this growth and I have no doubt in my mind that you have got what it takes to make this dream achievable Our theme for this year, as you are aware is "SERVICE THROUGH INTEGRATION." I therefore hope that you will take this opportunity to network, fellowship and integrate all your service projects and or ideas so that we can reach more of the people in our communities with better service delivery. After all isn't that lionism is all about?

Enjoy your Region 1 Conference!! **CLEVER MUGADZA MJF** DISTRICT GOVERNOR

#### Lionistic greetings

I write making reference to one of our pillars of service-humanitarian needs as in the ramification of health care i.e. measles (rubeola), diabetes prophylaxis eye screening (special Olympics), hearing aid programme and sight awareness and action inter alia and relating the same to our global action activities calendar and expressing the same in four pit stops.

Definitely whilst it is appreciated that we are able to do certain projects locally why do we not grab the opportunity to leap forward and not only support LCIF but also utilise the possible grants available at club and district level. The same will certainly put our clubs and district on luminous

#### **APPEAL FOR ACTION**

landmarks of service in our communities. It is not possible to get funding from LCIF through Sight First Grants to mitigate cases of blindness through eye care services, developing infrastructure and the human capital, eye glasses collection in assessing for cataract extraction and childhood blindness diabetic retinopathy and organising the education of people living with disabilities.

We certainly can utilise other grant categories like standard grants, core grants especially where thy relate to health issues. I herewith attach a health calendar for your consideration.

Please remember that the Measles Lions Initiative One Shot One Life

continues despite meeting the Melinda Gates Foundation of 5 million US dollars putting it together as 15million and the same shall vaccinate 157 million children. Discussions are going on between Lions Club International and other humanitarian partners to escalate this programme. Therefore let us continue to wield our support for Lions Measles Initiative through LCIF.

Pit Stop July to September 2013-2014 as we engaged THE YOUTH/LEOS AND CONTINUEING THE READING ACTION PROGRAMME (RAP) for the next decade. We also plan for October Lions World Service Day, 8th October, and we could also include Sight activities on the same day.

#### **GOLDRIDGE LEOS LIVING TO EXPECTATION**

There is nothing which is as good as giving to others from any early age, understanding that the world has people who cannot make ends meet on their own, helping institutions like hospitals and orphanages etc. obtain certain necessities to enable them to operate properly. The Goldridge Leo Club has taken a front lead on the above. They have on a number of occasions helped the Mary Ward Orphanage with items such as food, blankets and a brand new 24inch colour television set. They have also influenced their school to fully participate in giving fruit, linen and blankets to the Kwekwe General Hospital.

On Thursday 6 June 2013 in the presence of District Governor Clement Ndala the Leos donated buckets and

cutlery to the Maternity Ward of the Kwekwe General Hospital. What the Goldridge Leos have done is a sign of the human spirit which has arisen in putting a glow to the human heart of those in need. Indeed the Leos are putting smiles and hope to those who deserve it. Well done Goldridge Leos and Leo Patron Lion Sophia Senderayi.



#### REVEAL A SPARK IN DISTRICT 412 (2013 – 14) By Lion Eric Musesengwe

The basics of Lionism are sometimes forgotten. Lions must not arrive for meetings late, allow unnecessary use of cellphones, always sticking to the old ways of handling their club meetings, not paying dues on time, fundraising events which are dull etc. all this must be things of the past as we begin Lionistic Year 2013 – 14. What District 412 needs is a "Spark" this year.

This spark comes when (Iclubs work in unity

ii) tap into each other's talents and skills

iii) educate and train each other to develop yourselves

iv) bring in a new culture of doing things - a Lionistic -centric culture. Adapt to information technology and become known through this bulletin and other media.

Make use of Lion Paraishe Mabhena our District Expert in Lions Information & Communications, and finally make

use of the Lion Clubs International Website.

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Then if you adapt to the suggestions I have mentioned plus your personal additions District 412 will reach higher levels this year. Remember to "Spark" is to

i) Shine brightly, ii) To be lively & witty. iii) To be explosive. Have a fertile mentality and not a poverty mentality in all you do.



Lion Mike Molyneaux District 412 Chairperson (Medical Alert)

**MEDIC ALERT!!!** 

Medic Alert is a project which must not be forgotten instead it must be supported. It has saved lives and assisted many people receive the correct medical help for their different medical conditions.

We urge District 412 clubs to set a Medic Alert fund and assist Lion P.D.G.

Mike Molyneaux, procure the bangles and necklaces required by those who want them for use.

Medic Alert serves through "Saving Life" give it an extra thought and save a life.

#### SPEECH by Innocent Chilongo My name is Innocent Chilongo, I was born in 1984 with intellectual disabilities. I was trained by Special Olympics Malawi and I also learnt Leadership skills in Windhoek -Namibia, to empower my fellow friends with intellectual disabilities in Malawi. My responsibility is to get my fellow Youths involved in Special Olympics activities at all levels in youth development.

Among the Special Olympics initiatives in Malawi e have what we call Athlete Leadership Program where we train people with disabilities n leadership skills.

As an athlete leader i have been taking the leading role of training my fellow athletes in Athlete Leadership Program.

So far i have managed to train athletes in Blantyre ,Lilongwe ,Mzuzu ,Ntchisi and Kasangu. As I speak I am proud to say I am an athlete on board, am a board member just like some of you here. Let us introduce my board chair to tell you more about Special Olympics Malawi and the relationship we have with Lions.

Thank you very much!!!



This year the Leo Clubs will focus their energy on inspiring other youths to do

more for their communities and to pledge their hands to the less

fortunate. As Leos we are leaders in training and being socially responsible citizens takes great charisma. There is a lot that one can benefit from helping the community.

If one can do all of this without financial gain, imagine what would happen where commitment is invested for a good cause.

Leo Club members are ready to partner organisations that foster positive contribution in their communities which help youths to dream more, do more and become more. That is the essence of being a Leo Club member.





51st DISTRICT CONVENTION MANGOCHI-MALAWI Official Opening by Her Excellency Lion Dr. Joyce Banda (excerpt from official speech)



Lion Be Wood calls the House to order as the official opening is about to commence.

The future of the vulnerable people of various communities if at all caring men and women including the Lions organisations of the world do not chip into alleviate poverty, illiteracy, disease and other social ills which affect humanity. In particular the Lions have shown selflessness and have created, conducive atmospheres in helping the less privileged. i am glad to say the Malawi Government together with Malawi Lions have shared a lot in uplifting the under privileged of this country. For Lions to provide good values to nations and volunteering service Good Governance is required in Africa. As President of Malawi i support and offer my personal service to Lions. As Lions let us ensure that our youths must not be idle we must create opportunities for them. By so doing Lions will be creating positive impact on our youths.

#### 51st DISTRICT CONVENTION MANGOCHI-MALAWI



Local elders gathered at the Convention venue to welcome the President Lion Dr. Joyce Banda whist singing and dancing took place



Finally Her Excellency arrives and is being helped out of the jeep by aides.

Among VIPs to welcome Her Excellency was International Director Lion Sunil Kumar and his wife.



DG Clement Ndala welcomes Her Excellency Dr Joyce Banda



In acknowledging the guest of Honour DG Clement Ndala handed over his Governor banner to her Excellency Lion Dr Joyce Banda







#### 51st DISTRICT CONVENTION MANGOCHI-MALAWI



International Director Sunil Kumar and his wife followed suit by presenting Dr Joyce Banda with a gift from India.



Malawi The official opening started with the flag salutation of the four countries of District 412 accompanied by their National Anthems.



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Also in attendance was Lion Colin Mansell from Newbury Lions Club in the United Kingdom.

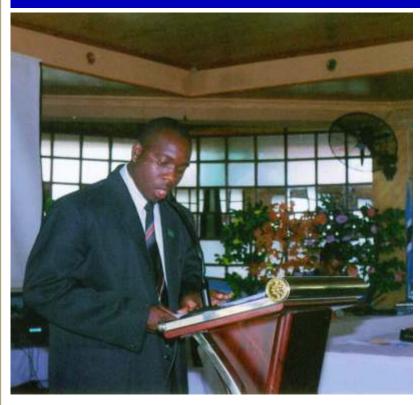


During this convention a memorandum of understanding (M.O.U) was signed and this has created partnership and collaboration between Malawi Lions (MD412) and Special Olympics. After the signing Special Olympics (Malawi) chairperson shakes hands with DG Clement Ndala.



## 51st DISTRICT CONVENTION MANGOCHI-MALAWI

#### SPECIAL OLYMPICS LION CLUBS INTERNATIONAL GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP **GLOBAL SERVICE & SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABLITIES**



The very touching part of the convention was an address by Innocent Chilongo of the Special Olympics of Malawi.

# Chairman Peter Mazunda

1. Special Olympics and Lions Club International have shared an innovative global partnership since 2001, dedicted to bringing vision and eye health to people with intellectual disabilities through the Opening Eyes program.

Talking Points for SO Malawi 2. Since 2008, the global partnership has begun to diversify its programming to create more impact for vulnerable populations, and have since begun collaboration on the Family Health Forum which has an active base in Malawi.

> 3. Also critical to both organisations is outreach and services for the youngest

among us, and for this reason the partnership has begun to offer Opening Eyes screenings at the Special Olympics Early Childhood Development program Young Athletes.

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4.Lions Club volunteers are a critical part of the success that Special Olympics has achieved since its initial partnership in 2001, Lions volunteers bring professionalism and capacity ,networks and local knowledge to this important service platform.

5.the goal around a Special Olympics Malawi – Lion Clubs of MD412 national partnerships create more human impact for individuals with intellectual disabilities and offer Lions Clubs volunteers a chance to take part in a new service project ,connected to the global association.

6. Important components of the partnership include linking Opening Eyes to Lions Eye Hospitals in Blantyre and Lilongwe, conducting important outreach to Lions Clubs volunteers around sports and health programming and building a stronger presence of Lions Clubs throughout the Special Olympics Malawi programming and networks.

7. A National Partnership with Lions Clubs of MD412 would be the FIRST FORMAL NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SO and LCI IN ALL OF AFRICA









# LEO CLUBS TAKING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Allow me however to congratulate you as the Region 1 lions leadership for showing such urgency in fulfilling the Leo Clubs are the youth program of the Lions Clubs International, one of the largest volunteer organisation in the world. Leo clubs are made of young adults who are interested in meeting peers to do community service projects to improve the lives of others.

The platform also gives the members to be groomed to be socially responsible members of the society without financial gain. The Leo District 412 comprising of Malawi, Mozambique, Botswana and Zimbabwe, requires its members to meet thrice a year, for a Convention, 1st Council Meeting and lastly the 2nd Council Meeting .Early this month during the weekend of the 10th of August 2013, the Leos of the District 412 met for the 1st Council Meeting hosted by Kriste Mambo, Rusape.

The sole purpose of the meeting was for the membership to meet and exchange ideas on how to best contribute on the positive development of the respective communities whilst collectively enhancing leadership skills. The current year is running under the theme, "Inspire and integrate through service"; the focus being to inspire the beneficiaries of charity work as well as the helpers to do more for others. Membership in the district is estimated to be close to 1,000 active members in the four countries. The weekend saw the convergence of over 150 members representing 21 clubs in attendance from all corners of Zimbabwe. The clubs represented included 16 Alpha Clubs (school based clubs) and 5 Omega clubs (Those comprising membership of 18 years and above). The mostly emphasised issue during the meeting was the Leadership part of being a Leo. Thus, as the youth of today the main challenge is to be able to do what one loves to do, that is, charity work but also during the process one should be able to grasp the qualities of being a leader.

Note projects reported include a basketball tournament organised by the Phoenix Omega Leo Club. Such projects make one prepare for the bigger experiences in life and business. Marist Nyanga High School, has been manning eucalyptus trees at their school, resembling environmental consciousness, and Kutama College Leo club has a number of pupils they pay school fees for, and have an ablution block they built for a nearby farm close to their school. St Faith's Leo club has paid for the electricity bills for Jairos Jiri Centre, Rusape. These are the few of the many impacting projects that the Leo Clubs are doing in and around the country.

To help with the mentoring exercise was the presence of The Lions Club of Harare- The Phoenix members. These included local Jazz songstress, Lion Ruth Mbangwa who gave an insight on the Arts industry for those who aspired adopting the industry as their preferred career path. Lion Jane Musa presented on Drug and Substance abuse and Lion Jona Machaya (The Leo District 412 Chairperson ) presented on The Leo Club Program and its benefits. The Head of St Faith's High School, Mr. Moses Mukoyi, a Lion with the Lions Club of Rusape, was also present as the Guest of Honour to give an old fashioned teaching on servant leadership.

"Currently we have key projects being done District-wise. The main one is the key partnership between Midlands State University Leo Club with the Traffic Safety Board in conducting traffic safety awareness. Gun Hill Leo Club also has been assisting EMA in their projects and volunteering where they can." echoed the current District President, Leo Pritchard Muzanarwo. "Our membership during the last year facilitated projects that fed close to 300 children within the 4 countries, and we hope to double the impact this year. We have close to 20 of our peers whose fees are being paid in the District and we hope to increase to 40 pupils by year end. This year's main project will be the adoption of a nonfunctional local library in line with our reading action campaign project for the Lions Clubs International", he added.







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