

# LION FRANCES SHEPHERD PALMER

1<sup>st</sup> FEMALE DISTRICT 412 GOVERNOR  
At The Golden JUBILEE CONVENTION IN NYANGA ZIMBABWE.



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It was taboo for women to take up leadership roles particularly in organisations and institutions. History was made in the month of August in 2011 in Francistown Botswana. A female District Governor was to be sworn into office for the Lionistic year 2011-2012. Officially she had started her term of office in the month of July. The opening up of Lions Clubs International to female membership made this possible. Women were allowed to join as Lions in the year 1987. Then in 2012 the Golden Jubilee Convention of District 412 was headed by FRANCES SHEPHERD PALMER . I wish to journey with you in pictures the District 412 Golden Jubilee Convention. This Convention was held in Nyanga in the far eastern part of Zimbabwe. District 412 is made up of four countries, Malawi, Mozambique, Botswana and Zimbabwe.



. Delegates enjoy and concentrate on the first Official opening and First Plenary Session.



Lions exchange greetings , and socialize during tea break.



*This break gave Immediate Past District Governor Lion Dr.Pateson Mapanda to have a one on one with Lions Moses Mukoyi (left) and Rebecca Lunga (right)*



*The final surprise and crunch of the convention was the introduction of the Guest of Honour . It was the Child President of Zimbabwe His Excellency LEO ANESU NIGEL RANGWANI. This was a surprise candidate of a Guest of Honour. LEO ANESU surprised all and sundry by his official address. LEO ANESU was steady, composed and delivered to the satisfaction of the 200 guests. Nyanga Lions the organisers of the Golden Jubilee proved a point to all Lions that do not under rate your LEOs. The Golden Jubilee Convention in Nyanga proved it. LEO ANESU an upper sixth student at St. Faith Mission in Rusape received a standing ovation after his address.*



*District Governor Lion Frances expressed her gratitude to the address by a handshake smile and her D.G. Banner. "Its better to catch them young then groom them to be future responsible citizens of our tomorrow world."*



*On behalf of District 412 His Excellency Child President LEO Anesu received a wall clock from Lion Jean Manthanga. (Region 1 Chairperson –Malawi-Mozambique)*



Female Lions galore



The International Guest was Past International Director ;Lion Vinnod Khanna affectionately known as V. K. The P.I.D observed that as much as District 412 faces a lot of challenges once they are overcome and Lions playing a part too every one will enjoy the fruits of it.



Among the Senior Lions who conducted the business was Past District Governor James Honold, Chairperson of the Credentials Committee.





The High Table from left , Child President and Guest of Honour LEO Anesu Nigel Rangwani,, Nyanga District Administrator – Mr. J.S. Makoni, District Governor Lion Frances Shepherd Palmer and International Guest Vinod Khanna “V.K.”



Malawi lions stole the show in their gold attire which fulfilled the Golden Jubilee of District 412. Malawi are hosting the 51<sup>st</sup> Convention in Zomba.



(a)



(b)



(c)

As is tradition during District Conventions, Governorship candidates are elected and endorsed. The following were elected and endorsed as the Governorship of 2012-2013 : From left to right (a) Clement Kasense Ndala (District Governor 2012-2013) b)Clever Mugadza (1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor 2012-2013) Jean Manthanga ( 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor 2012-2013)



In conclusion to this photo reportage I will end up by saying to Lion Frances “Your success to this high office wouldn’t have been possible without the support, advice and love from your husband Lion Selwyn who stood by you from start to end ”.