

HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY

DISTRICT 412



The Golden Jubilee Convention for District 412 was Convened in Juliasdale, Nyanga on the 27th of April 2012 under the theme **See - Do - Believe!** Almost 200 Lions from the 4 countries thronged Nyanga for this historic event! The event was graced by various VIPs including the Guest of Honour His Excellency, the Junior President of the Republic of Zimbabwe Mr. Anesu Rangwani; Past International Director, Vinod Khanna and the District Administrator for Nyanga, Mr. John Makoni!

The District Administrator welcomed the Lions to scenic Nyanga and wished the Lions a good convention.



In this picture, Lion Selywn and Lion Lynette follow proceedings during the plenary session

In his eloquent speech the Guest of Honour Leo Anesu, praised the Lions for their humanitarian efforts to make the world a better place and challenged D412 Lions to continue being the torch-bearers in humanitarian service. The PID in his address to the plenary session commended the District Governor Lion Frances for leading the District to success in her year! He further challenged the D412 lions to make all seemingly IMPOSSIBLE tasks POSSIBLE by translating the word IMPOSSIBLE to I'M POSSIBLE!

Tree Planting



After the long march from the Village Inn in Nyanga to Nyamhuka Primary School, the Lion Leaders took time to plant some trees in line with the International President's vision for 2011-12!

The Leadership Elections



The election of the DG team also took centre stage at the Nyanga Convention. The

FVDG, Lion Clement got the nod from the Lions of District 412 to take charge of the District in the 2012 - 2013 Lionistic year. The SVDG, Lion Clever Mugadza was also elected to move up the ladder to the position of FVDG! The battle for the SVDG slot between Lion Jean Mathanga and Lion Dr. Alva Senderayi was won by Lion Jean to complete the DG team for the 2012 - 2013 Lionistic Year. Speaking in his address to the plenary session, the PID, Vinod Khanna congratulated the DG Team and reminded them of their duty to led the District to success.

In his acceptance speech, the DGE Lion Clement thanked all the Lions for having faith in him to lead the District. His theme for 2012 - 2013 is
"Leadership, Efficiency and Integrity in Service"

Lion Clever, the FVDGE pledged his loyalty to the incoming DG and also thanked the Lions for his election. Lion Jean was short of words for her election but promised the Lions of District 412 that they would not be disappointed by voting for her to be part of the DG team. "I will not disappoint you, I'm a coordinator and team work is but one of my attributes..."

Entertainment



The 2012 Nyanga Convention had so much to offer in terms of entertainment. Besides being hosted in a Casino Hotel in the heart of scenic Nyanga, the Cultural Night at the end of the first day of convention was quite immaculate. The Lions had a good dance for half of the night. The Convention dinner put the entertainment icing on the cake with the Watershed band's outstanding performance!

Awards



The District Governor, Lion Frances Shepherd-Palmer took time to present numerous awards to various clubs and Lions for outstanding performance during the 2011-12 year. Notable achievements were the Outstanding Club of 2011-12, Lions Club of Harare West and the Lion of the Year Award which was jointly won by Lion Jean Mathanga and Lion Martha Mathobi.

The 2013 Convention

The 51st District 412 Convention will be held in Zomba, Malawi from the 2nd of May 2013, watch the space for more details.

THE 2012 LEOS CONVENTION



Over 150 Leos from across the District converged at the Adventureland Holiday Farm about 15km from Juliasdale to commemorate the most celebrated event on the Leoistic calendar. The convention ran under the theme, "Walking the talk, energising service". A total of 13 clubs were represented namely; Westridge, Marist Nyanga, St Faiths, Trust Academy, Kutama College, Monte Casino, Regina Mundi, MSU, Gunhill, Thornhill High School, Manunure High School, Goldridge, Peterhouse and St Johns High.



The occasion was graced by Mrs. Placidia Mandivenga, the Director at Africa Footprints Media Consultants as the Guest of Honour who presented on leadership. Mrs. Mandivenga holds various expertise in the advertising and media consultancy as she has managed brands such as Barclays Bank, Econet Wireless, to mention but a few, in her portfolio. She had a lot to impart as she gave insight on what makes leaders citing prevalent examples on

inspiring individuals who have made it through display of excellent leadership traits. Her presentation turned into an enlightening interactive discussion which helped Leos appreciate the roles that they assume in society given the positive influence that characterises the objective of our organisation. She also kept on alluding to her appreciation of the positive energy that she had noticed characterising the Leo members.



PDG Lion Ramkumar also made his presentation on Saturday evening mentioning the importance and benefits of Leos in the community. He also reiterated the personal and collective benefits that would accrue to Leos through increased networking and other skills that are acquired in the course of carrying out community services. His most intriguing question was, "Why did you become a Leo?" which he answered by giving the Leos a background of his reasons for becoming a Lion which were largely as a result of his experience as an army officer and the subsequent decision to make up for the disturbing encounters he had with humanity before.

The energy that we had was coupled with fun-filled moments that we had during the scheduled activities during the convention. These included the Obstacle course which was carried out by the Leos and the march that we did to ensure visibility and awareness in Nyanga.

Lastly deserving clubs and individuals were awarded, with Leo Hurst Semu being awarded the Leo of the year for his outstanding work which was done throughout the Leoistic year. The St Faith's Leo Club was awarded with the best Leo Club for the second year running owing to their creative projects that were meant to address the needs of their immediate community, Jairos Jiri Centre which they helped raise money to pay up for electricity reconnection. With

those regard, they also scooped the project of the year. Other clubs which got Gold awards included Gunhill for best Twinning (for the third time in a row), Midlands State University (For Administration).

The incoming officers comprises of Leo Takudzwa Zvobgo (Midlands State University) as president, Leo Amanda Moyo as First Vice President (Gun Hill/Midlands State University), Leo Miguel Makapa as Second Vice President (Marist Nyanga), Leo Reginald Mutizwa (Midlands State University) as Secretary and Leo Pritchard Muzanarwo maintain his office as Treasurer. Region 1 will be chaired by Leo Khumbukani Mkawa (Lilongwe), Region 2 by Leo Hurst Semu (Gun Hill), Region 3 by Leo Tafara "Goatie" Chiradza (Midlands State University) and Region 5 by Leo Stella Gutu (Francistown). Region 4 is still to have its chair appointed. The District Tailtwister is Leo Kenneth Patsika from Leo Club of St Faith's and the District Projects and Cultural Director is still Leo Tafadzwa Benza (Gun Hill). The zone chairpersons were named as follows: Regional Zone Chair;- Mutare- Leos Promise and Benson , Harare - Leo Medusa, Gweru - Leo Martha , Masvingo - Leo Kundai (Victoria High), Kwekwe and Kadoma - Chrispen Magogo (Goldridge).

The incoming president will be running under the theme ,*"We care, we serve, we accomplish"*. The next District event will be at Regina Mundi Girls High School (First Council meeting) and Kutama College (Second Council Meeting in December). The next convention will be held in Zomba, Malawi in April 2013.