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LIONS GOING GREEN

The rains are here. The urban dwellers will tell you of the heavy down pours just before everyone knocks off or worse still early in the morning when you are going to work by public transport. Or maybe its the painful experience of being splashed by a motorist as you wait to cross the road. The poet will tell you of the sound made by the rain as it falls on the dry soil. They will describe the smells and the sounds after the rains . The farmer will narrate the buzz and new found life of his plants . The quenching of their thirst brings hope as they know that their families will be well feed. Who ever you might be and which ever way you look at it, the rains have a story to tell. Be it a fairy tale, a nightmare or whatever name you attach to it, the rains have a story. If you are a Lion , the rains will automatically remind you of the challenge to plant trees.

Since the beginning of the Lionstic year the International President asked all Lions to take part and the figure was set at 1 million trees. Clubs got into gear and the planning started .Some clubs put words into action and planted trees. With the rains upon us all plans have to be trees planted as the trees will have a better chance to survive .

This month we focus on 2 Lions clubs who have excelled and are leading the way.

The Lions club of Zvishavane targeted and sort help from schools in their community. What they did was to draw up a calendar and in a single month every week they visited schools and sort the participation of the school children. The concept is that school children are the future leaders and parents and if they value trees and appreciate their importance at an early age, they can be better environment managers and can help look after trees.

At each planting site, a small brief on a few selected trees was given, after the brief the school children would then do the planting. A selection of fruit trees and in-

igenous trees were planted . The impressive line up for the Lions club tree planting was as follows ,the first port of call was Shabani primary school. As they say charity begins at home , so the Lions served their immediate community first , but they did not stop there. At this school they donated 50 trees and the pupils planted all of them. The next stop in their busy schedule was Dadaya High school. Being a high school , the Lions upped the figure of the number of trees donated to 130. The high school students eagerly put the roots into the ground and planted all the trees . After this stop was Gresham primary school were a total of 50 trees were planted.

Lastly on their busy and hectic schedule was Ngomayebani Primary school which was on the 2nd of December , where again another 50 trees were donated and planted. All this was made possible by the partnership of the Lions club and the Forestry commission and the Environmental Management Agency



Shabani primary kids happily going green

To date the single biggest tree planting session in the district and also the highest number of trees planted award goes to the Capital City Lions under the guidance of Lion Pempho. In a day they planted 5000 trees. Yes! They did it and so can all of us! The Lions have an annual trees planting session at Malingunde . This is the catchment area of the dam that supplies the city of Lilongwe with water. Being an important site ,Capital City Lions Club joined hands with Lilongwe Water Board [LWB] in planting 5,000 trees around Kamuzu Dam II in Malingunde. Speaking after the exercise, Capital City Lions Club president Lion Pempho Likongwe, said his organisation thought of taking part in the exercise after realising the importance of the dam to the city. "As a club, one of the areas we work in is the environment. We therefore resolved to plant tree around this dam, which supplies water to the whole Lilongwe city, so that we prevent siltation in it," said Likongwe , adding his club spent close to MK450,000 for the exercise.



Leading from the front Lion Pres Lion Pempho

In his remarks, LWB's General Manager Gabriel Gonani thanked the club for joining hands with his organisation in their effort of conserving the board's dams.

"It is important to plant trees around this area. Lions Club's involvement in this exercise is a very welcome development. By helping us, it means they are also helping all Malawians who use the water we supply to the city," Gonani said.

He also said the community around Malingude would benefit from the exercise by ensuring that the rainfall pattern is not disturbed. Lion Lughano Mwalwanda organised the event on behalf of the club.

For more on the district efforts on tree planting please visit <http://www.e-district.org/sites/412/page-11.php>.For more pictures visit www.lionsdistrict412.posterous.com

From the DG's Desk



My Fellow Lions and Leos,

New Year Greetings to you and your family! Allow me to wish you and your families a Prosperous, Productive and Blessed 2012. Please be informed that I have changed my residence and I am now residing in Maun, Botswana with my family.

We are now in the first month of the month of the second and last half of the 2011-12 Lionistic year; before we move forward we need to evaluate our club's, zone's and region's efforts on progress for the first half. We need to ask ourselves the following questions regarding what it is we have done during the first half: As an individual or as a club, Have I contributed to the increase in membership? Have I been able to plant any trees? Have I attended and contributed to club and/or zone meetings? Was I a representative at any training that was provided at club, zone or region level? In other words, what challenges have I faced in not being able to achieve my goals or what have I achieved during the first quarter and did I make the effort to share this through the District Newsletter? Fellow Lions after answering these questions, there may be need to put strategies in place to review or better the way things were being done at the different levels of the District. Let us start now if we have not yet done so.

In the area of **membership**, we are fluctuating too much ,during November we had reached a target of 1252, then at the beginning of this month we were 1189, we have so far gained 20 members and dropped 1. Fellow Lions I would really be grateful if we can continue in this trend. Let us continue to ensure that we do not drop anymore members but strive towards the achievement of increasing significantly. This will mean that all clubs need to update their MMRs by ensuring timely submission; Region and Zone Chairs need to be more vigilant. Mahalapye Charter has been received, we now await to hear from the Charter members the date of their Charter Night dinner; once again congratulations to President Lion Kumar and his enthusiastic team of Lions for making this club a reality.

In the area of **finances**, according to DG's December recap, there are some clubs that are still not doing very well as both their International and District dues are already paid up for the entire year; some have paid for the first half of the Lionistic year on both accounts; some have only paid for their International dues; while the remaining clubs have not paid any dues. I would like to urge the respective Sponsoring Clubs' Officers, Region

and Zone Chairpersons as well as the Guiding Lions of the defaulting clubs to assist the Finance Committee to ensure that clubs honour their commitment of paying their dues. This Committee has and continues to do a great job of continuous updates of the financial status within their regions; it is therefore up to us to take the necessary action to update our finance status of clubs to that of good standing where there are defaulting clubs. Please stress the importance of paying dues during your Zone meetings, training sessions; as well as during regional meetings. We need to see positive changes of our current situation starting now, remember our Convention is now approximately two months away and we all need to be in good standing in order to make informed decision of voting for our incoming Principal Cabinet Officers.

Clubs visits continue to be my greatest challenge. However, I was able to visit five clubs in Zimbabwe recently and have planned to visit others shortly. I was privileged during two of these visits to be in the presence of two charter members - **Lion Dhaya Lalabhay and Lion Amrat Laloo** from Harare West lions Club and **PDG Lion Ray Terblanche** from Lions Club of Matopos who is still in active service after 42 years. This was indeed an honour for me and these clubs are really privileged to have these members. I have come up with strategies which have become necessary for visits to other clubs in our district. Currently I have solicited the assistance of Senior Lions in Regions One, Two and Three to assist with the visiting of some clubs in these regions on my behalf. Schedules are now being worked out in consultation with clubs in Region One to have these visits conducted. Fellow Club Officers I would like you to ensure your presence at all these visits as there is much to learn from sharing ideas with each other when we sit and have fun and fellowship as a family.

Leadership Training: I would like to express my gratitude to our LCI selecting team for approving all of our members who were nominated by the District for both the Faculty Development Institute and Senior Lions Leadership Institute scheduled for early February in Kinshasa. We would like to congratulate these Lions knowing that they are going to be our District ambassadors who we hope will make us proud during their training in their respective Institutes. We anxiously await their return to share with us their knowledge and experiences which will assist us in striving towards excellence within our district. Well done to our District Global Leadership Team Leader and his team, we are indeed excelling in our training for this year. Let us continue to train during our zone, region and district meetings. I look forward to receiving reports on Club Excellence Programme Workshops, so Zone Chairpersons please work with our DGLT Chairperson to plan and conduct workshops before the end of this Lionistic year.

Melvin Jones Memorial month.

Cabinet Meetings: Fellow Lions and Leos, we have had two successful Cabinet meetings so far and this was mainly due to your presence and important contributions made before and during the meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 3rd 2012 at Gweru Lions Club, Gweru, Zimbabwe. We are hoping that all our PDGs will be able to grace us with their presence as in the evening we will be celebrating their years of service in Lionism with them during an honorary dinner. We have been promised a very exciting and historic evening by the Zone 3B Chairperson and his team

Quest: Fellow Lions four members from Region 1 and Region 4 of our District – Lion Meera Chandra (Lions Quest Chairperson), Lion Bojosi Magogwe - President Molepolole Lions Club, Venunadhan Pillai – Secretary Blantyre Lions Club and Lion Alfred Mwenifumbo – Lions Club of Mzuzu attended a Lions Quest Meeting organized by LCIF that was conducted in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, earlier this month. Botswana and Malawi were chosen by LCIF to be the recipients of a grant that was approved to conduct Lions Quest workshops in these regions. Fellow Lions, we would want to congratulate them for being our ambassadors and the production of their detailed reports. These Lions are in the process of formulating steering committees, we are therefore expected to support them in their quest for excellence of this significant programme.

I continue to express my gratitude to all of you for your continued support of me as your overall leader. At the same time I want us to remember to always **"Initiate, Consult and Communicate"**, this is the only way we can be visible to our communities, zones, regions, district and global lions' family.

Fellow Lions and Leos, I would like to request all of us to continue in our prayers for our very committed and selfless Lion PDG Lion Anil Patel; and all other Lions and Leos as well as their families who may at this time be challenged by health-related problems. Let us pray that they will be granted a speedy recovery and be able to join us to once again serve their respective communities. To those who may have lost loved ones during this period, we do express our sympathy and pray for comfort for you and your family.

Fellow Lions allow me to close by once again making an appeal to continue to work together to change the membership and financial status of our district, as well as register in large numbers for our 2012 Convention; which can only be done through collective effort and commitment by all.



In 1961 the International Board of Directors proclaimed January 13 (the birthday of our founder, Melvin Jones) as a day of memory each year though out the world of Lionism. Founders and Rededication month traditionally observed in January, shall thereafter be designated as Melvin Jones Memorial month.

Melvin Jones was born on January 13, 1879 in Fort Thomas, Arizona, the son of a United States Army captain who commanded a troop of scouts. Later, his father was transferred and the family moved east. As a young man, Melvin Jones made his home in Chicago, Illinois, became associated with an insurance firm and in 1913 formed his own agency.

He soon joined the Business Circle, a businessmen's luncheon group, and was shortly elected secretary. This group was one of many at that time devoted solely to promoting the financial interests of their membership. Because of their limited appeal, they were destined to disappear. Melvin Jones, then a 38-year-old Chicago business leader, had other plans.

"What if these men," he asked, "who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities?" Thus, at his invitation, delegates from men's clubs met in Chicago to lay the groundwork for such an organization and on June 7, 1917, after pursuing this thought for four years they formed what is now known as **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL** with 27 clubs from around the United States.

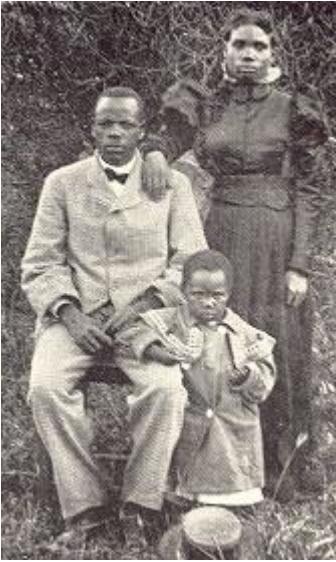
The Association became international in 1920, when the Lions of Detroit chartered the Windsor Ontario Lions Club, in Canada. In 1950, Melvin Jones was conferred the title of **SECRETARY GENERAL** of LIONS INTERNATIONAL for life.

Melvin Jones eventually abandoned his insurance agency to devote himself full time to Lions at International Headquarters in Chicago. It was under his dynamic leadership that Lions clubs earned the prestige necessary to attract civic-minded members.

The association's founder was also recognized as a leader by those outside the association. One of his greatest honours was in 1945 when he represented Lions Clubs International as a consultant in San Francisco, California, at the organization of the United Nations.

Melvin Jones, the man whose personal code – "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else" – became a guiding principle for public-spirited people the world over, died June 1, 1961 at 82 years of age.

John Chilembwe



For nearly a century historians have puzzled over the actions of John Chilembwe, one of the most controversial figures in Malawian history and Malawi's national hero. The focus: the last days of his life and the uprising he led in January 1915.

By all accounts, Chilembwe was not the type to start an uprising. He was educated by the Church of Scotland missionary school in what was then Nyassaland (Malawi). He later studied under and worked for Joseph Booth, a baptist from Australia, who was critical of the Presbyterian Church's role in colonialism and believed in the unpopular idea (among whites) of "Africa for the Africans." Booth's daughter Emily wrote that Chilembwe...

...had a greater desire to learn and write, and to gain the Truth of Christianity...He knew his own mind and was not easily to be turned from his purpose. But...he was so kind and true – so thoughtful and unselfish."

Independent African: John Chilembwe and the Origins, Setting, and Significance of the Nyasaland Native Uprising of 1915, G. Shepperson and Thomas Price (1958)

Chilembwe accompanied Joseph Booth to the United States in 1897 where he attended the Virginia Theological College in Lynchburg. There Chilembwe explored the works of Booker T. Washington and learned the fatal story of abolitionist John Brown. When Chilembwe returned to British-controlled Malawi, he developed programs to improve the plight of his people through education, Christianization, and industriousness. According to historian Landeg White, prior to the rebellion, the most intimidating thing to white settlers was...

...Chilembwe's habit of dressing himself in three-piece dark suits, complete with bow tie, and his mixed-race wife Ida in silk stockings and high-waisted empire gowns with leg of mutton sleeves."

However, in the 1910s a famine devastated Malawi and its neighbor Mozambique. Colonial treatment of Malawians under the thangata (labor-rent) system worsened. One American 7th-Day Adventist (Walter Cockerill) wrote:

If the natives cannot pay their two dollars per year, they are taken by the magistrate and compelled to work about six months in irons.

And with the outbreak of World War I, the British conscripted Malawians en masse to fight against Germany. This was the last straw to Chilembwe.

Let the rich men, bankers, titled men, storekeepers, farmers and landlords go to war and get shot. Instead we, the poor Africans who have nothing to own in this present world, who in death, leave only a long line of widows and orphans in utter want and dire distress are invited to die for a cause which is not theirs.

– John Chilembwe, letter to the Nyasaland Times, November 1914

The unabashedly racist yet prophetic book *The Rising Tide of Color Against White World-supremacy* (1920) summarized Chilembwe's uprising as follows:

In 1915 a peculiarly fanatical form of Ethiopism broke out in Nyassaland. Its leader was a certain John Chilembwe, an Ethiopian preacher who had been educated in the United States. His propaganda was bitterly anti-white, asserting that Africa belonged to the black man, that the white man was an intruder, and that he ought to be killed off until he grew discouraged and abandoned the country. Chilembwe plotted a rising all over Nyassaland, the killing of white men, and the carrying off of the white women.

In January 1915, the rising took place. Some plantations were sacked and several whites killed, their heads being carried to Chilembwe's "church," where a thanksgiving service for victory was held. The whites, however, acted with great vigor, the poorly armed insurgents were quickly scattered, and John Chilembwe himself was soon hunted down and killed. In itself the incident was of slight importance, but, taken in connection with much else, it does not augur well for the future.

Chilembwe actually ordered his followers not to harm women or children. The attack which killed three white men was targeted against the most brutal plantation in the area, the Bruce Estates, and its manager William Jervis Livingstone. [The display of Livingstone's head in the church was true.] But the uprising that Chilembwe had hoped would spread through the protectorate never occurred, and Chilembwe was killed a few weeks later, along with members of his flock.

The uprising sent shockwaves throughout the continent. Chilembwe's actions can be seen as the first revolt in the area in the 20th century struggle for African independence. Today Malawians celebrate Chilembwe as a martyr who knew he would not survive the revolt, but who led it anyway as the last resort of retaliation against overwhelming oppression

It remains for the Christians of Britain in this day, to consider, whether in the spirit of President Lincoln's solemn confession during the Nation's deadly struggle, we also shall be able to say, if the need arises, "if all the treasure that has been heaped up by the spoliation of the African has to be expended; and if every drop of African blood shed in to the effort to appropriate his country, has to be blotted out by an equal expenditure of European blood just, and righteous, O God, are all thy judgments."

Africa For the African – Joseph Booth

<http://everydaysholiday.org/john-chilembwe-day-malawi/>

The District joins the Lions of Malawi and the country in celebrating Chilembwe day on the 15th of January

Lessons from surfers

Surfers have a different relationship with the ocean than most people do. Rather than admire its beauty from the sidelines, we feed off its energy because for most of us it's a second home. We're more comfortable in water than on land. It's much more than a sport, but our calling in life. Every session leaves us with powerful life lessons and today I just wanted to share a few of my most important ones with you.

Live in the moment, but keep your eyes on the horizon

If there's anything that surfing really teaches you it's how to be present. When you're on a wave you really can't think about anything else and if you do you will find yourself submerged rather quickly. But, the interesting thing is that you have to keep your eyes on the horizon and anticipate when the next wave will arrive. Life is kind of the same way. We need to live in the moment, while being mindful of our future goals and plans. However if we live too far in the future our performance in the present suffers.

Embrace the Unknown

Every single time you paddle for a wave you're taking a risk because there's no telling how it's going to turn out. You're either going to take a hard fall or experience the ride of your life. When you do catch that ride every sense of fear, doubt, and uncertainty disappears and you're overcome by a sense of pure bliss that words can hardly describe. In life when we're willing to take risks, and step into the unknown we dramatically raise our potential for the possibility of an extraordinary life. Everything you know and are confident in today was once an unknown that required a leap of faith. So embrace the unknown.

Learn to Shake The Wipeouts

If you want to ride waves you have to be ok with the occasional wipeout. In his graduation speech at U-Penn, Denzel Washington eloquently said "you will suck at something and you will fail." That's just a part of life and once you learn to realize that your failures don't define you, but build character you can learn to shake the wipeouts.

All It Takes is One Good Wave

Talk to anybody who surfs and they'll tell you their addiction started with that very first wave. Standing up for the first time is the hardest part of learning how to surf. But once you do, you can never get enough of that rush. Accomplishing anything in life is kind of the same. It might take a while for you to hit your stride, but once you do it will have been totally worth it and all it takes is one major milestone to establish your confidence and keep you pushing yourself to the next level.

There's Always Another Wave Coming

The ocean teaches you abundance because there is always another wave coming. But if you're too caught up in the one you missed or didn't catch you won't be there to catch your wave when it arrives. People talk quite a bit about missed opportunities. When you dwell on the past and the opportunities you missed, you'll be looking back instead of seeing the opportunity that might be right there in front of you. So don't sweat it when you miss your chance and believe at your core that there is always another wave coming.

Nature Rewards Patience

When you're in the ocean you're on mother nature's schedule rather than your own. You learn to be extremely patient. In life we have a tendency to want to force the order in which things happen and we end up creating the very resistance that kills our flow. When we become patient and let nature take its course we're able to navigate the waters of life with far more ease.

The ocean is an incredible teacher. There won't be a single day that it doesn't leave you humbled, grateful and slightly wiser.

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LISTEN TO PEOPLE SINCERELY

3 MORE ADDED

Bwaila club recently inducted ;

-Lion Maxwell Phiri [an ex-leo]

-Lion Sylvia Phiri

-Lion Thoko Njoloma.

Lion District 412 First District Vice Governor Lion Clement Ndala presided over the induction assisted by Lion President Herbert Thumpwa and zone Chairman Lion Johnny Somba



....And they lived happily ever after

The aim of our newsletter is to inform and educate our readers. This month we report our first wedding of the year and also the first in this newsletter this Lionstic year. Am not sure if it's a case that all Lions are married or a case of Lions not getting married because , weddings in Lions are difficult to come by. So when I got this story I just could not ignore it. It to good not to share. Lion Misheck Mlambo finally walked down the red carpet and exchanged vows with her sweetheart Kudzai Pauline . He passionately kissed her when the priest gave him the nod and Kudzai tells me it was dream come true and love made it all possible and she can't ask for more but to spend her life with the man she loves! Isn't that sweet??? Lion Misheck is the Mountain Dew Lions Club Secretary and his wedding was on the 22nd December in Mutare at Lighthouse Church Hall. Soon the Lions will add one more member as she is already a prospective Lion. The district wishes the newly weds all the best

Photo below shows the happy newly weds on cloud nine during a photo shoot and the Mountain Dew Lions Club President, Lion Vimbai Gavin Chatima giving advice at Lion Misheck Mlambo's wedding reception.



CLUB UPDATES

Selebi Phikwe

MEMBERSHIP: There has no activity in terms of recruitment of new members this year, the current membership is 21

COMMUNITY SERVICE: The club has secured P50 000.00 from Stanbic Bank to build 2 houses for destitute after a call by the area MP for assistance. Construction is scheduled to begin January 2012 with assistance from local contractors.

Serowe

MEMBERSHIP: There has been quite a lot of activity with this club, unfortunately 22 members were drop for varying reasons; three of these have been transferred to the newly formed Mahalapye Central Lions club and 2 have so far been re-instated. One member was inducted. This club however is the only club that has been able to sponsor the first club for the 2011-2012 Lionistic year. The members are working vigorously the sponsor another club before the end of the Lionistic year as well as recruit new members. The current membership is 25.

- **CLUB OFFICERS TRAINING:** 5 members from this club attended the Regional Club Officers training held on 20th August . This club is committed to training so whenever business meetings are conducted some aspect of training is included. Two members from this club have been appointed Guiding Lions for the Mahalapye Central Club.

- **CHALLENGES:** There is still a challenge to get some members to attend meeting, pay their dues; strategies are still being worked out as to how best to address this situation

Mahalapye Central

This club had a number of organizational meetings where the President and members of the sponsoring club including the DG attended. The Lions were very enthusiastic to have a club in their community once again. They are 20 in number but have pledged that on their charter night they should have 40 as the President, a former Lion has requested all members to recruit one member each. they are planned to have a Christmas party for the children of the Pediatric Ward at the hospital and distribute food hampers to some of the elderly in their community.

Lions Club of Bulawayo

MEMBERSHIP: 9 Active members potential quality members approached.

PROJECTS : The club concentrated on the same fund raising projects as the previous year.

The first of the KGVI self contained living units were refurbished.KG VI is a school for the disabled

Lions Club of Khumalo .

MEMBERSHIP: 16 members and 2 prospective Lion Ladies to be inducted

PROJECTS : Trenance feeding scheme working well. The club is working on renovating Trenance Primary School. The classroom building fund to receive funds from Maverly in the UK .

Lions Club of Matopos

MEMBERSHIP: 19 members

PROJECTS : Vezuthando Orphanage visited and donated items worth over \$500. Peace Poster Art Workshops for under privilege schools successfully completed. 33 children and 6 adults from Murray Mac School hosted.

Lions Club of Mzingwane .

MEMBERSHIP: 9 Members and a potential member

PROJECTS The Boys' camp, with 8 boys, a tribute to Lion Steve Morgan, went well. Congratulations were extended to the Club on their Induction Dinner which helped inter- Club interaction. Club meetings held at members' homes

Convention Update

Have you registered for our convention to be held in Inyanga ?
26-29 April 2012 , Mont Clair casino Hotel

So far 104 Lions have registered , 42 have paid the full convention fees. These are split as follows
24 from Zimbabwe, 16 from Botswana and 2 from Malawi
This is as at 10 December 2011.
Fellow Lions lets all make an effort to register and be part of the historic gathering

Download registration forms at <http://lionsdistrict412.posterous.com/convention-registration-form>

Fill it in and send it . The details are all on the form



FELLOW LIONS:

The New Year brings opportunity,
for there is always much to be done

And perhaps the greatest opportunity will be
that of making a fresh start, as we can put the
mistakes of the old year, its frustrations, its
disappointments, and muffed chances out of our
minds

We can remember only what we learned from
our experience and the wisdom that the old year
gave us

As we continue to carry the banner of service to
mankind, Let us remember to PLAN
purposefully; PROCEED positively and PURSUE
persistently

**I WISH YOU ALL ANOTHER YEAR OF GREAT
SERVICE**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

LION JEAN MATHANGA

Region 1 Chairperson (Malawi/Mozambique)

WANT TO BE HEARD ?

Got something to say, then why not share it with us. We
will be glad to hear how your club is making a difference in
the community We will be delighted to hear from you.

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CLUB BUILDING

Five Things Every Club President Should Know Before Taking Office

Read this first.

Think about your club. Can you remember some presidents who
did the job well? What about the ones who didn't do it so well? Do
you remember why he or she was ineffective? Chances are, he or
she didn't embrace one or more of the following five tips many
Lions wish their club president knew.

Find Passion Points

Presidents who take the time to find out the individual passion and
hobbies of members often have much better chance for success.
Every individual has a passion or desire. If you can determine what
it is and channel it into your club, that member is more likely to
follow your lead and make sure his or her project is successful. Be
supportive and compassionate to the members in their personal
endeavors and they will support you. Always remember that they
are volunteers, too.

Become a Servant Leader

It's easy to get someone to follow you into a restaurant if you are
going to buy him a steak. It's not easy to get someone to give up a
holiday weekend to work at a lions' project. To inspire others to
serve, club president must lead by example. Members are watching
how you conduct yourself, and taking cue from you.

Never Take Sides

Listen to controversy and try to resolve it. Remain open-minded on
all subjects, even if you do not agree.

Recognize Others

Everyone enjoys recognition. It does not have to be expensive or
elaborate. Print a member's name in the bulletin for everyone to
see or give him or her a certificate for helping at a project. Those
recognized will work harder and their success will help your suc-
cess.

Prepare, Prepare, Prepare

The more preparation done before becoming president means more
success during your presidency. The confidence attained climbing
the ranks and learning from others will show as you lead the club
through your year. Yes, YOUR year. No one else can claim the
victory or agony of defeat. The buck will stop with you. It's also a
year of tremendous personal growth. Enjoy the ride.

*Adapted from a presentation by Past International Director Lowell Bonds
at the 2010 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Milwaukee, Wis-
consin.*

*By First Vice D412 Governor Lion Clement M. Kasense Ndala
Bwaila Lions Club, Malawi.*

Any person capable of angering you
becomes your master; he can anger you
only when you permit yourself to be
disturbed by him. ~ Epictetus

DG's Club Visits



Zone chairs Lion Cynthia Maweni and Lion Bothwell Nyajeka with the Lions of Harare West and Harare Phoenix



L-R. Lions PDG Ray , Zone 4B chair Gibson Khiwa, R3 Chair Maurice Nyamunda and Lion Selwyn Palmer



PDG Lion Ray Terblance with 42 years of service to Lions club



Lion Dhaya Lalabhay and Lion Amrat Laloo



Lion President of Harare Phoenix John Mwinjilo receiving the DG banner on behalf of his club



Lion President of Harare West Caleb Jera getting the DG's banner



University of Zimbabwe Lions with the DG watching the International Presidents Theme



Lion President Tawanda Chiurayi of UZ getting the International President Pin