



Lions Clubs International

# LIONS CLUB OF HARARE WEST

“Touching Lives through Committed Service”

---

## **B**RIEF BACK GROUND

The Lions Club of Harare West was chartered in April 1981 it has since grown from this date and it still carries the same spirit of service which was there in the beginning. We celebrate 31 years of service with strong membership and to-date the club has four charter members who were inducted in April 1981 who are still a vital part of the club today and these are Lion Ratilal Pitamber, Lion Dhaya Lalabayi, Lion Amarat Laloo and Lion Fazal Issa who are all life members.

## **F**rom the President’s Desk

Greetings.... Greetings, fellow Lions!!! I would like to share with you a few issues about Lionsim. Being a Lion is a fulfilling mission in Life. What is important in life is how much you give and not really how much you receive. Lionism is all about giving without financial gains. It is about bringing change to someone you know or may not know. It is with this in mind that my theme for the Lionistic year 2012 -2013 is “Touching Lives Through Committed Service”



As Lions club of Harare West, we intend to provide efficient, committed and timeous service to the club members and the less fortunate in our community from all walks of life regardless of colour race or creed. As a woman and as a mother, my inspiration and commitment comes from the heart. The desire to see people happy, to bring a smile to a sad face, wipe a tear, fill an empty stomach and clothe the poor, stimulates my inner passion to do the best for those in need, thus my them;

**“Touching Lives Through Committed Service”** will be achieved.



# Lions Clubs International

## Meet the Board

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 2012, the Lions Club of Harare West held their board Installation and for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in 31 years, the board is being led by a Woman.



Club President  
Lion Bibi Sungwa



Immediate Past President  
Lion Caleb Jera



First Vice President  
Lion Bothwell Nyajeka



Second Vice President  
Lion Farai Mavunga



Third Vice President  
Lion Rumbidzai Zhanje



Club Secretary  
Lion Ronald Munjoma



Club Treasurer  
Lion Dr. Fadzai Mugadza



Lion Tamer  
Lion Ratilal Pitamber



Tail Twister  
Lion Cynthia Maweni



Board Member  
Lion Clever Mugadza



Board Member  
Lion Shamiso Tazviwana



Board Member  
Lion Elsie Davies



Board member  
Lion Junior Banda



# Lions Clubs International

## Membership Lions Club of Harare West

These are the people who have made us achieve greatness through committed service

Committee	NAME	Committee	NAME
<b>Services</b>	Ms. Junior Banda	<b>Services</b>	Mrs. Akulina Mudzamiri
<b>Fundraising</b>	Mr. Sandra Banda	<b>Sight First</b>	FVDG Clever Mugadza
<b>Member</b>	Mr. Oliver Bonomali	<b>Fundraising</b>	Doctor Fadzai Mugadza
<b>Member</b>	Author Borerwe	<b>Secretary</b>	Mr. Ronald Munjoma
<b>Fundraising</b>	Mr. Innocent Chingwaru	<b>Services</b>	Ms. Sarah Munjoma
<b>Sight First</b>	Ms. Elsie F Davies		
<b>Member</b>	Ms. Magreth Gono	<b>Member</b>	Mrs. Elidah Mupopoma
<b>Member</b>	Mr. Fazal Issa Life Member	<b>Finance &amp; Fundraising</b>	Mr. Bothwell Nyajeka
<b>Membership</b>	Mr. Caleb Jera	<b>Member</b>	Mr. Tofara Nyamwena
<b>Health</b>	Doctor Kudakwashe Katurura	<b>Finance &amp; Fundraising</b>	Mr. Ratilal Pitamber Life Member
<b>Member</b>	Mr. Dhaya Lallabhai Life Member	<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	Ms. Rumbidzai Rurevo
<b>Member</b>	Mr. Amrat Lalloo Life Member	<b>Member</b>	Mr. Tinashe Rurevo
<b>Member</b>	Mr. Ebrahim Mahomed	<b>President</b>	Mrs. Bibi Gertrude Sungwa
<b>PR</b>	Mr. Tinashe Mariga	<b>Peace Poster</b>	Mrs. Shamiso Tazviwana
<b>PR</b>	Miss Cynthia Maweni	<b>Fundraising</b>	Mr. Farai Mavhunga
<b>Peace Poster</b>	Mrs. Nomsa Mawoyo	<b>Sight First</b>	Mr. Shiri G Verma
<b>Member</b>	Mrs. Tendai Chipu Mudzamiri	<b>Fundraising</b>	Ms. Rumbidzai Zhanje

## PROJECTS

### 1990: Launching Sight First

Through Sight First, Lions are restoring sight and preventing blindness on a global scale. Launched in 1990, Lions have raised more than \$346 million for this initiative. Sight First targets the major causes of blindness: cataract, trachoma, river blindness, childhood blindness, diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma.

#### Giving the Gift of Sight!

In 5 days alone, more than 6,500 men, women and children worldwide lose their sight to blindness, according to the World

Health Organization. More than 80% of those cases are preventable or reversible.

Lions Club of Harare West in conjunction with Eyes for Africa and Sekuru Kaguvi Clinic do one thing: Save Sight. The Lions Club of Harare West Sight First annual project is dedicated to providing excellent vision care to economically disadvantaged people in our community (undergoing eye surgery costs between US\$800 to US\$1500 at private hospitals and those that cannot afford, have to wait for their turn at Sekuru Kaguvi Eye Unit at Parirenyatwa Hospital). Our goal is to



# Lions Clubs International

eliminate preventable blindness and visual impairment by organising for the correction of blindness through cataract eye operations for the disadvantaged members of our society.

We work with a dedicated group of local ophthalmologists and optometrists who donate their time and expertise to help the economically disadvantaged in our community. Special mention goes to Dr A Kufa, Dr D Sibanda, Dr Guramatunhu and Dr C Kumora, doctors and nursing staff at Sekuru Kaguvi Parirenyatwa Eye Clinic.

Throughout the years, Lions Club of Harare West Sight First program has saved the sight of hundreds of people and improved vision care for thousands of people by providing cataract surgeries, screenings, medication, treatment and community education to prevent blindness.

Lions Club of Harare West facilitated 150 free eye cataract operations from August 22-26<sup>th</sup>

2011. The kits for this Eye Camp were sourced from Aurola, Madurai, India and fully funded by the Lions Club of Harare West through two fund raising dinners in April 2010 and February 2011.

The President and Members of the Lions Club of Harare West would like to express their sincere gratitude to individuals and organisation for their generous support towards our SIGHT First Project.

The generosity and steadfast efforts of: Regency Casino, Nissan Clover Leaf Motors, Old Mutual, BancABC, Datlabs, Ernest and Young, National Tyre Services, Afre, Sovereign Health, ZB Financial Holdings, Zimnat Life, Zimnat Lion, Barclays Bank, and Ratanje Shoe Heel Bar (to mention but several) has had a great impact on our success in the fight against preventable blindness. It is through the generosity of individuals and corporates like these that we are able carry on with this service to our community.



*Doctors and Nurses who carried out the free eye cataract operations from Sekuru Kaguvi Hospital*



*Speech by Dr. Parirenyatwa*



*Presentation of the free eye cataract operation kits to Dr. Parirenyatwa and the Deputy Minister of Health*



*The Sight First Committee pause for a picture with Dr. Parirenyatwa*



# Lions Clubs International

## ARTIFICIAL LIMBS



Before

*Qualified Nurse from Jiros Jiri dress the leg in preparation for the artificial limb.*

*Our true and final story, giving life and hope where there was none left of ever walking again.*

## FOOD DONATIONS

Lions Club of Harare West runs a Food Bank where club members bank food and after every quarter a donation is given to deserving families or charitable organizations.



## WHEELCHAIR DONATIONS

From August last year the Lions Club of Harare West donated 12 wheel chairs and 12 walking rings to Jiros Jiri Southerton. There were also three other individuals who benefitted from the donation and the individuals were one from Marondera, another old man from Gokwe as well as a fellow Lion members mother who needed aid of a wheelchair due to ill health.



We also source donations from different organizations and wholesales and in the past Mahhomed Mussa and Bhadela have been of great assistance to our club. We would also like to acknowledge Lion Ratilal Pitamber of Ratanje Heel bar and Shoe repairs for the immense support towards all our projects through financial support.





# Lions Clubs International

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



*Community of Marondera Witnessing a wheelchair handover*





# Lions Clubs International

## MEDIC ALERT

The Lions club of Harare West also participates in Medic alert contributions. A provision of USD50.00 has been set aside to assist this organization.

## DIABETIC ASSOCIATION

Diabetic is one of the major causes of blindness and thus the Lions partnered with the Diabetic Association to raise awareness of the dangers of the disease. This included a march where fliers were being handed out as well as free diabetic screening at the Africa Unity Square. A fundraising dinner is also held annually and in conjunction with the World Diabetics day.



*Roosevelt Drum majorettes*



*Lions in Partnership with Diabetics Association and homes of people affected by diabetes*



*Celebrating World Day of Diabetics*



*Address by the Mayor of Harare Mr. M. A. Masunda*



# Lions Clubs International

## FRIENDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Not only do the Lions care about providing food, restoring sight and donating wheelchairs, but the Lions club also cares for the environment. To date the Lions Club of Harare West has planted 310 trees in different places. 15 thousand more trees are targeted to be planted at the Cleveland dam and surrounding areas in partnership with the City of Harare and Friends of the environment.



## SERVICES FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The club also supports St. Josephs House of boys as well as St. Giles. Every year, we host a Christmas party for them and both homes get to appreciate their differences and it is seen in the way the able bodied help the crippled from serving them food and just playing around and having a good time. We also support the St. Josephs Marimba Band by giving them exposure and opportunities to show case their talent at our annual fundraising dinner dances. We are currently fundraising for repairs of tiles in their reception area.

*St. Josephs House of Boys Marimba Band*







# Lions Clubs International

## LEO PROGRAM

As Lions, we also have a Leo program which develops young people into responsible citizens. LEO is an Acronym which stands for Leadership Experience and Opportunity, and everyone who has been through this experience can tell you that their lives has never been the same because of the exposure and self-development which has taken them to greater heights. Lions Club of Harare West currently sponsors three Leo Clubs i.e. Trust Academy, St. Dominican Chishawasha and Gunhill High School.

## AWARDS

At the last District 412 Convention which was held in Nyanga from the 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April 2012, the Lions club of Harare West received 14 awards and these are,

- Best Club in District 412,
- Service for the young person’s project,
- aid to the disadvantaged,
- tree planting award,
- the George Hindley Public Relations Award,
- New Horizons Award in Diabetics Education,
- the Ariston Award of Club Administration,
- Leo Club Sponsorship Award,
- The Doreen Hindley Health Project Award,
- Best Club Bulletin Award and Community newsletter,
- The Dennis Granger Club Involvement Award,
- The District 412 club involvement award,
- The best continuation project award,
- The Schwartz Golden Award.

## DISTRICT 412 CABINET MEMBERS

We would like to congratulate the following who got inducted into the District 412 board 2012-2013.



Lion Clever Mugadza, He holds a highly esteemed position of First Vice District Governor. He is second in Charge over the District 412 which has 62 clubs in all Four countries with 1190 members. We believe that with his leadership, our levels of service to the community are reaching a higher level.



Lion Caleb Jera Zone 2b Chairperson responsible for club administration and project and activity reports for:

- Harare West Lions Club
- Marondera Lions Club
- Karoi Lions Club
- University of Zimbabwe Lions Club
- Mabelreign



# Lions Clubs International



Lion Bothwell Nyajeka Zone Chairperson responsible for club administration and project and activity . Lion Bothwell is also an Assistant District Treasurer.

- Nora Valley Lions Club
- Hatfield Lions Club
- Harare City Lions Club
- Gwebi Lions Club



Finally we have a District Activity Chairperson responsible for Substance & Alcohol Abuse, Human Trafficking and Care for the Aged in District 412 Lion Cynthia Maweni.

## SOCIALS

Lions club of Harare West has created a platform of fun and fellowship. Relationships have been built and bodies have been nourished through good eating and money has been raised through fundraising.





# Lions Clubs International

## TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Lions Club of Harare West has taken advantage of the various training presentations which happen both in the district and regionally. The leaders of the club always make it a point to pass the information down to all the other members who might not have had the opportunity to attend the same.



## RECOGNITION

At the end of each year, the club presidents recognizes and rewards good work achieved by Lions and Long lasting life awards are given to deserving Lions. This not only encourages Lion members to do more, but just token of appreciation always lets one know that there is always room to do more were recognition is rendered.



## CONCLUSION

Our code of ethics says that the Lions Club is there to encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works

and private endeavours. Our service and our awards have proved that and this coming year 2012-2013, we are set to make a difference in A World Of Service, Touching Lives Through Committed Service With Efficiency And Integrity.

## CONTACT LIONS CLUB OF HARARE WEST

Visits our website <http://lists.yo.co.zw/mailman/listinfo/lionsclubofhararewest>

or email us on [lionsclubofhararewest@lists.yo.co.zw](mailto:lionsclubofhararewest@lists.yo.co.zw)

<http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/hararewest/>

email: [ronald@sagezimbabwe.org](mailto:ronald@sagezimbabwe.org)