

MESSAGE FROM THE SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR



It gives me immense pleasure to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for the confidence bestowed in me by yourselves, the **Dream Team** electing me the Second Vice District Governor (SD412) for the year 2013-2014. In return, I promise to carry out my assignment diligently **within the District Governor Team**, in a spirit of **"SERVICE, THROUGH INTEGRATION"**. Of course, we are starting with the "chips" down. However, if we certainly **"FOLLOW OUR DREAMS"** as the International President Lion Barry J Palmer enunciates in his **THEME**, – **a clear conscience is a coat of mail. We know that the darkest hour is that before dawn. Things are often at their worst just before they get better; or the worst stage is often the prelude to an improvement!**

As your SVDG, and assigned by the District Governor I shall perform all such administrative duties as he allocates me within the District Governor Team. I shall certainly serve as liaison between the District Global Leadership Team (GLT) Lion PDG Rtd Col. Tekemanangathe K Ramkumar and District Global Membership Team (GMT), Lion PDG Dr PTT Mapanda, District LCIF Coordinator Lion PDG James Honold, District Information and Technology Committee Lion Piraishe Mabhena and the Convention Convener Lion John Mwinjilo. As it relates to the same cluster I look forward to an exciting lionistic year and cooperation from the same respectable quarters. The statistical information is that the Lions' family through out the world in **207 countries** and geographical areas has a head count of one million three and sixty thousand and four hundred and sixty –five (**1 360 465**) members. As of 1st July 2013 our District had **964** members, having dropped by **21** members from **981** whereas in the month of May we had **51 clubs** we are now at **49** and in same month of May our membership was **1 138**. We added by May **211** members and dropped **264** with a net growth of **-53** equaling **-4,5%**. A fully constituted District should be **1 250**. Therefore, I urge you most sincerely **not "open a quarrel between the present and past as we might be in danger of losing the future"**. And as our International President Lion Barry Palmer urges us **"let us dream boldly and pursue our dreams we shall**

achieve more than ever believed possible. This is our time to act. This is the time to achieve” **“through service with integration”** as our District Governor Lion Clever Mugadza says.

That as it may, let us **expand** our district by chartering new clubs. Let us **invite** new members to our clubs. Let us **retain** our existing members. Let us **grow** our overall District membership.

It gives me pleasure to note that Regions 2, and 3 are putting up **Club Officers Orientation Workshops**, one between 13th and 14th July 2013 in Gweru, Zimbabwe and the other between 20th and 21st July 2013 in Harare, Zimbabwe. I am glad I shall be facilitating at the said workshops. The Region 4 workshop is in the pipeline sometime in August in

Botswana. The Convention Committee under the able leadership of Lion John Mwinjilo is already in travel gear as it relates to putting up the Convention next year in May. Please let us share the information already circulated in the **Health Agenda Appeal for Action** Memorandum I previously circulated.

May I take this opportunity to thank and celebrate **with**

HararePhoenix Club for visiting and making a difference at the Highfields Old People’s Home on 6th July 2013 and recording the first service activity in the lionistic year in the District. It is also pleasing to note that **Sebakwe and Redcliff Lions** in an alliance with the Gift of Givers on 7th July 2013 distributed 120 hampers of food to widows, people with disabilities (PWDS) and the hungry. The hampers were worthy US\$10 000.00. May the same service activity may be documented with Lions Clubs International.

Let us **“FOLLOW OUR DREAMS”** as we engage more in **“SERVICE THROUGH INTEGRATION”**

Best Regards,

Lion Dr Alva M Senderayi