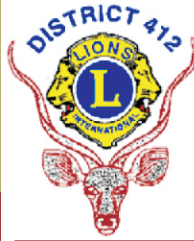




LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 412
BOTSWANA, MALAWI, MOZAMBIQUE, ZIMBABWE

District 412 Governor's Newsletter 2009-10



District Governor's Message



**District 412 Governor 2009-10
Lion Col (Ret'd) T. Ramkumar**

Dear Lions and Friends,

I would like to sincerely thank you for the trust and confidence you have reposed in me to be your District governor for the year 2009-2010. It is indeed a great honor and challenge for me and I accept the position of District Governor with humility. Of the leadership assignments

that have come my way, this one tops them all, for the cause is humanitarian and the purpose is "TO SERVE". I seek your guidance and support for the fulfillment of goals I have set for myself. May we together make our organization proud of the service we provide to the less fortunate in Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

Our International President Eberhard J Wirfss' theme is "Move to Grow" and keeping in line with IP Eberhard's theme, my theme for our District is "To serve – We Grow". The task I have set out for myself is growth and retention of membership. IP Eberhard says "Membership is the key to our success – members are our most valuable asset and resource." Similar to the Army badge of rank, in the five pointed star that you see in my Logo, you will notice that our four countries are represented and the four countries are being urged to grow for it is only with growth that we can serve more. My background and my experience in the armed forces have taught me to endeavor relentlessly till the task is completed. Together we can make our District a vibrant one and excel in the service of humanity. May we excel in our mandate "TO SERVE"!

Each and every one of us has a reason for becoming a Lion. Most of us will recall that we did not become Lions on the day that we got inducted and that shining Lions pin was pinned on our lapel. Most of us became Lions much earlier. Joining a Lions club was only recognizing that we are Lions. For example I became a Lion when I saw child soldiers being robbed of their youth and being motivated at a very tender age to wield the power that comes from the barrel of a gun. My heart went out to them and though I could not do anything then, it is what motivated me "To Serve" our less fortunate brethren.

We the Lions of District 412 are faced with a situation in our District where the masses of underprivileged people whom we wish to serve has been growing at an alarming rate. The global economic meltdown and added to that, in one of our countries, unprecedented inflation, the likes of which hardly witnessed by human kind in the recent past, motivates us Lions to work relentlessly to alleviate the problems we see around us. For our efforts to be seen and visible, we need to enhance the scale of our operations, many fold. To make this possible and to turn this into reality, we need to constantly remind ourselves that more hands could provide more service.

As inheritors of this wonderful legacy of Lionism, it is the responsibility of every Lion in our District to carry the torch of Lionism proudly and proclaim loudly at every available opportunity what Lionism is all about.

We are proud to be recognized as Lions.

We are proud that our services are meaningful and we have given from the heart.

We are proud that we find satisfaction in serving the less fortunate, in giving comfort to another when he needs it most.

Above all we are proud that we find it important to use our time and resources freely to fulfill our mandate of "WE SERVE".

Let our deeds not remain secrets and go unnoticed. Let us loudly proclaim what Lionism is all about. Spread the word among friends and through the media and tell the world about the good you do. This is bound to bring more members to join us.

I urge every Lion in the District to remember that it is not only the responsibility of the leaders to boost membership, but it is theirs too. If every member were to bring in a friend or relative to partake in the projects we undertake

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or attend meetings, that itself would be an action which will retain members and increase membership. Additional family membership is encouraged by discounted membership fees. Sponsoring new clubs in locations where there are no clubs and reviving closed clubs need to be undertaken on a war footing, and I request Lion leaders to channel their resources in that direction. The goals I have set for our District for this Lionistic Year are as under:-

- To revive at least five of the nineteen Lions clubs that have closed down in the last three years.
- To charter at least three Leo Clubs by Dec 2009. (Some of the Leo Clubs are functioning without a charter and I urge the Lions clubs responsible to kindly charter them at the earliest)
- To increase membership in every club by at least one family member and one additional member in the year.
- To retain 100% membership and not lose any member.

I urge all Lions in the District to help me achieve these goals.

It is important to encourage our youth in all spheres, and I urge the Lions clubs and Lion leaders to boost youth activities. Helping Leo Clubs in their activities and starting Leo Clubs, is a sure way of nurturing future members. Another youth activity is street children in the countries of our District. AIDS orphans and the increase we see in street children are surely connected. Street children too have a right to meaningful living. I urge clubs to have projects to help street children. The social responsibility to street children of today if not addressed will lead to unprecedented rates of crime tomorrow. Lions Quest is at last making some headway in Botswana after a number of years of relentless effort. I urge the leadership in the other three countries to bring in awareness in the clubs and the Government about this wonderful program adapted by Lions Clubs International, to ensure a better future for our youth.

Before I end my message to the District, I wish to remind Lions and Leos that ours is a volunteer organization dealing with public money and we should be able to account for every cent, thebe, tambala or Meticas raised from the public. One of the reasons for our being judged by the *Time* in an independent survey carried out, as the best Service Organization in the world, is because of the reputation we have of utilizing all the money raised by us only for a social cause and not a single unit going for ourselves or for our administration. I would like all clubs to live up to

Editorial



It is the beginning on yet another Lionistic year. Lions and Leos all over the world continue to serve. Do people know what we do to make a difference in our communities? As Lions and Leos, do we share, amongst ourselves, what we do? The District Governor's Newsletter gives you that opportunity to share your projects, ideas, etc, with everyone in the District. It is the hope of the editorial team that Lions and Leos in District 412 will seize this opportunity and publicise their charity and fundraising projects. However, you are not limited to the aforementioned article types: jokes, poems, health issues, articles on motivation and leadership, and so on, are equally welcome. It is our intention to make

that.

"Knowledge is Power" says Dr Bingu wa Mutharika the President of Malawi. I request all Club Officers to attend the Club officers Training being organized in all the three Regions in the months of August and September this year.

- Region 1: 22-23 Aug 09
- Region 2: 7-8 Aug 09
- Region 3: 12-13 Sep 09

The knowledge gained will go a long way in enabling you to fulfill the needs of your community and our mandate "WE SERVE".

I look forward to a year of growth of Lions and Leos in our District and with your support I know it is possible. My wife Lion Vimla joins me in wishing all Lions and Leos of District 412 a year full of growth and service to humanity.

Truly yours,

Col (Retd) T Ramkumar
District Governor 2009-10

CHARTER ANNIVERSARIES

- 18/Jul/77: Wankie-Lwendulu**
- 18/Jul/05: Bwaila**

CONGRATS!!!!



our newsletter very lively, interactive, Lion- or Leo-centered in term of article contributions, readable, and above all, an excellent source of information. Therefore, appeal is made to all Lions and Leos in District 412, to contribute towards making this a reality.

This newsletter issue is devoted to getting everyone started on the right foot so that we can all pull together with the District leadership, and with rejuvenated and renewed commitment to the "WE SERVE" motto.

Let us work together! United we stand.....

Lion David Nkwe

Any suggestions or articles can be sent to Lion David Nkwe

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**2010 CONVENTION
VICTORIA FALLS 29th
APRIL-02nd MAY 2010**



Francistown.

I trust you all had a wonderful time in Francistown; I certainly enjoyed it although I spent most of the time learning the ropes so as to deliver to you next year in Victoria Falls. I believe thank-yous are due to all the people that worked tirelessly to make the last convention a success and we owe it to them to make sure the next convention will also live up to everyone's expectations. Thank you all Botswana Lions for a job well done.

Feel the thunder and see the wonder.

I thank you all for the enthusiasm and interest you showed in coming to Victoria Falls at the just ended convention, let me assure you that what you saw on the presentation was just but a piece of the cake, so why not come and have the whole cake. Let the interest you showed become a commitment by completing the

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO CLUBS

By now all Lions in the District would have received a copy of Lionistic Planner for the year 2009-2010 distributed to your Region Chairpersons/ Zone Chairpersons/ Club Presidents during the District Convention at Francistown. Please prepare for the District Governor's Visit to your club according to the dates mentioned in the Year Planner.

Guidelines

1. Hold a separate meeting to organize the Governor's visit.
 2. If need be appoint and delegate duties to all members.
 3. Send a detailed program for the day to the Governor - two weeks in advance.
 4. Reconfirm to the District Governor, date, venue, time and program.
 5. You may organize a program to show your projects.
 6. A courtesy call on civic dignitaries may also be planned.
 7. Board Meeting
 - All board members should be present.
 - All past presidents and district officers from your club should attend
 8. Inform members of your club two - three weeks before the visit and one week before on telephone.
 9. You may organize lunch or a small get-together and involve your spouses.
 10. Dinner meeting
 - To start and end on time.
 - Make it simple and enjoyable.
 - Avoid repetitive protocols.
 - Be short and brief. This will improve the image of Lions meetings for non-lion guests.
 - Governor would like to meet everyone during fellowship time before the meeting is called to order.
 - Arrange Greeter Committee to receive the Governor and all Guests.
- Invite if possible,
- Presidents, Secretaries and District Officers from sister Clubs in your Zone/Region.
 - Chairman of other service Organizations
 - Past district governors with their Lion ladies in your Zone/Region
 - Invite your Region and Zone Chairperson
- There should be no other speaker in this meeting except the Governor as it is his official visit to your Club. Remember that the meeting is in his honour.
- Ensure you have a working projector and good Public Address system

You may incorporate Charter Night celebrations.

11. Protocol

- Chief Guest on the right hand side of the Club President.
- All to address the Club President first, Chief Guest- District Governor and his spouse.
- Vice District Governor, Past district Governor (s), Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet treasurer, Region Chairperson, should be seated at the main table.
- If the seating is not adequate, provide a high table near the Head Table.

This is a Club function, so organize the protocol in your preplanning meetings.

During the official function when speeches are going on ensure that,

- No food and drink are served.
- Food & drinks to be served before or after the formal part of the meeting is over.

MAKE USE OF THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ON HIS VISIT TO MOTIVATE MEMBERS AND BUILD PUBLIC RELATIONS WITHIN YOUR AREA OR DISCUSS ISSUES PERTAINING TO YOUR CLUB OR LIONISM IN GENERAL

IN SHORT, UTILIZE HIS RESOURCES TO THE FULLEST

**OLDEST CLUB IN BOTSWANA,
LIONS CLUB OF LOBATSE,
CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY**



SAM BURNETT, A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE CLUB, RELEASED A SPECIAL PIN ON THE OCCASION. LIMITED NUMBER OF PINS AVAILABLE @ P20.00 EACH. IT IS A COLLECTORS ITEM. PLACE YOUR ORDER WITH DG RAMKUMAR OR PDG JAMES HONOLD

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2010 CONVENTION

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registration form, sign up now and enjoy a sunset cruise on the mighty Zambezi River. Sign up now and stand a chance of taking up the reasonably priced accommodation or be hosted by the host Lions. Sign up now and accord yourselves the opportunity to feel the thunder and see the wonder. Welcome to Victoria Falls, one of the seven natural wonders of this world

Registration Fees

USD100.00 May 2009-31 Oct 2009- Complimentary cruise.
USD115.00 01 Nov 2009- 01 Jan 2010
USD120.00 02 Jan 2010-31 Mar 2010
USD130.00 01 Apr 2010-29 Apr 2010.

Leos pay 50% of the fee applicable at the time of payment as above

Accommodation and other

How about a night in the wilderness, under the stars, listening to the birds, camping ground will be available at very low low prices. See the next bulletin for all the options and rates on accommodation.

Yes we can and yes we must grow.

Lion Israel Rupiwa
Joint Convention convener 2010
President Lions Club of Mosi oa Tunya (2009-2010)
Zone Chairman (2009-2010)
Victoria Falls -Zimbabwe

DG's calendar: July-August

- 25/07: Return from In't Convention
- 06/08: Bulawayo-Khumalo Visit
- 07/08: Shurungu & Redcliff Visits
- 09/08: 1st Cabinet Meeting—Redcliff
- 21/08: Bwaila, Capital city, Lilongwe, Mchinji, Kasungu & Tete Welcome Social for Region 1 Conference
- 22/08: Region 1 Conference, and Projects Visits
- 24/08: Blantyre, Limbe, Chichiri, Kabula, Nchalo Club Visits
- 25-27/08: Club Visits Region 1
- 28/08: Return to Botswana

Know your cabinet!

PRINCIPAL CABINET OFFICERS	NAME
District Governor	Col (Retd) T Ramkumar
1 st Vice District Governor	Dr Pateson Mapanda
2 nd Vice District Governor	Frances M. Shepherd-Palmer
Immediate Past District Governor	Iqbal Joosab Ali
Cabinet Secretary	Meera Chandra Esmay Scott (Assistant—Zimbabwe)
Cabinet Treasurer	PDG Anil Patel Maurice Nyamuda (Assistant—Zimbabwe) PDG Faisal Karim (Assistant—Malawi)
Region 1 Chairperson (Malawi/Mozambique)	Jean Mathanga
Region 2 Chairperson (Zimbabwe)	Maurice Nyamuda
Region 3 Chairperson (Botswana)	Mohan Cherian
Zone 1 A (Blantyre, Kabula, Nchalo)	Brian Boby
Zone 1 B (Limbe, Chichiri New Century, School of Medicine)	John Kachitsa
Zone 1 C (Zomba, Liwonde, Mangochi)	Pearce Chipula
Zone 1 D (Lilongwe, Kasungu, Tete)	Molly Stambuli
Zone 1 E (Capital City, Mchinji, Bwaila)	Ken Banda
Zone 1 F (Mzimba, Mzuzu, Karonga)	Henry Trindade
Zone 2 A (Mutare, Mutare The Mountain Dew,	Lenon Chizaza
Zone 2 B (Harare West, Mabelreign, Gwebi, University of Zimbabwe, Harare The Phoenix, Harare City, Nora Valley, Hatfield)	Clever Mugadza
Zone 2 C (Kariba, Karoi, Chinoyi, Mvurwi)	Criselle Cowell
Zone 2 D (Triangle, Chiredzi, Zvishwane, MasvingoNew Century)	Glenn Margerison
Zone 2 E (Redcliff, Sebakwe, Kwekwe, Kadoma,	Cornelius Smit
Zone 2 F (Bulawayo, Bulawayo Khumalo, Matopos,	Doughson Chitando
Zone 2 G (Victoria Falls Mosi-oa-Tunya, Hwange Lwendulu)	Israel Rupiya
Zone 3 A (Francistown, Francistown Jubilee, Francis-	Jayant Madhoo (Jen)
Zone 3 B (Selebi-Phikwe, Selebi-Phikwe Mokomoto, Serowe, Maun)	Nirav Patel
Zone 3 C (Gaborone, Molepolole, Lobatse, Jwaneng)	Keiteretse Tshukudu

"There is nothing to make you like other human beings so much as doing things for them."

Zora Neale Hurston (1903-1960)

MALAWI

"The successful man doesn't use others, other people use the successful man, for above all the success is of service."

Mark Caine

ZIMBABWE

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)

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Cabinet Continued in Next Month's Issue

Message to the Cabinet by DG

Past District Governors

I look forward to receiving guidance from you and I hope and pray that you will guide me through my year in office. With your help I have to make a difference and I hope I achieve this.

Cabinet

Portfolio Chairpersons, this is a chance you have got to turn the District around. Let us wake up from that Slumber we have got so used to and walk that extra mile to make our District a vibrant District. The District Governor can only be as effective as his Cabinet can be. I sincerely request all Cabinet portfolio officers mentioned below to follow these guidelines :-

1. Communicate with all Region Chairpersons, Zone Chairpersons and Club Presidents to encourage them to undertake activities concerning your portfolio and also send your message to the District by contributing articles for the Monthly District News Letter.

2. There are only four Cabinet Meetings in the whole year. Please attend all Cabinet Meetings to give a report to the Cabinet on your portfolio, and let us not repeat another year of non attendance leading to no Quorum being formed.

Visit Clubs where possible to encourage the Club to undertake activities concerning your portfolio.

Region Chairpersons

You may have experienced several leadership positions as a Lion before

being appointed region chairperson. You are the senior most Lion in your Country. Each position prepared you for the next one. More is expected of you as Region Chairperson. You are my representative in your country. My sincere request to all Region Chairpersons is for them to follow guidelines listed below as much as possible:-

- *Kindly follow the guidelines and instructions set for you by Lions Clubs International by visiting the LCI website and going through the Region Chairpersons Manual.*
- *Communicate with all, Zone Chairpersons and Club Presidents on a regular basis to encourage them. Send your message to your Region and District by contributing articles for the Monthly District News Letter.*
- *There are only four Cabinet Meetings in the whole year. Please attend all Cabinet Meetings to give a report to the Cabinet on your country/Region and let us not repeat another year of non attendance leading to no Quorum being formed.*
- *Visit all Clubs to encourage the Clubs to undertake activities and have a personal impact.*
- *Help charter new Lions and Leo Clubs in your Region and encourage membership growth and retention*

Zone Chairpersons

You, as Zone Chairperson, are a member of the District's leadership team. You as the Chairperson of the District Governor's Advisory Committee, are the

most important link between the clubs in your Zone and me and other Cabinet officers. You motivate and counsel clubs, as well as communicate with the clubs. You keep the district's leadership team informed of the clubs' activities and share concerns about any of the clubs with the team. You also encourage clubs to support District programs and activities. My sincere request to all Zone Chairpersons is for them to follow guidelines listed below as much as possible:-

- *Kindly follow the guidelines and instructions set for you by Lions Clubs International by visiting the LCI website and going through the Zone Chairpersons Manual.*
- *Communicate with all, Club Presidents on a regular basis to encourage them. Send your message to your Zone, Region and District by contributing articles for the Monthly District News Letter.*
- *There are only four Cabinet Meetings in the whole year. Please attend all Cabinet Meetings to give a report to the Cabinet on your Zone and let us not repeat another year of non attendance leading to no Quorum being formed.*
- *Visit all Clubs to encourage the Clubs to undertake activities and have a personal impact.*
- *Help charter new Lions and Leo Clubs in your Zone and encourage membership growth and retention*

The district governor recognizes your leadership skills. As a leader of the zone you are to maintain quality clubs in the zone. These clubs should understand their purpose in the association, function within the association's constitution and policies, know they are part of the district team and strive for excellence and continuous growth. *****

A positive concept of extra...

Lion Mohan Cherian , Region 3 (Botswana) Chairman



All of us Lions have attended at least one motivational workshop in our time. You know the facilitator shares his or her strategies for work or personal success. During these sessions, participants are often asked to name the animals or symbol that best represents their attitude towards their work. For obvious reasons lions, eagles and elephants come up, as do bees and ants.

Well today I would like to volunteer my answer. To me our work in Lions club can best be symbolized by water. Water finds its own path and gradually erodes obstacles and creates new channels that represent its will. Works that flow like water are flexible and nimble. To me, this liquidity is present in all of us. It is an attitude, a willingness to find solutions where others see only problems. The Lion members are incredibly attuned to what is going on in their environment—with their families, societies, fellow Lions and to their nations.

Unfortunately Lions Club International, our District, Region and your Clubs are facing decline in membership. We are 1190 lions instead of 1250 in our District. We need to work hard to reach the minimum required number for our district. This is the responsibility of all of us as a team. On a more practical level it means creating a pleasant atmosphere at our clubs, which inspires all of us to be the best we can be. For some people the privilege of working in the positive space is enough, you can adopt a creative attitude and encourage yourself to achieve your club's dreams. Even a small act of kindness can spark a chain of positive reactions in your clubs. Give 100% of our attention, response and prove understanding and respect when listening to fellow Lions.

A little extra effort, a little extra mile, a little extra care and commitment to our clubs will contribute to Lions Clubs' success in a great way. As someone who deals with people everyday, I can tell you that people value integrity, they like it when your talk is consistent with your doings, give them good respect, value them, appreciate them and if our

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ARE WE EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATING OUR GROWTH?

2nd Vice-District Governor **Lion Frances Shepherd-Palmer**



Fellow Lions,
Greetings from the desk of the Second Vice District Governor (SVDG) Lion Frances Shepherd-Palmer for the 2009-2010 Lionistic Year!

It is indeed a year of growth that members of our District 412 must have foremost in their minds. The International President's theme is "Move to Grow", our District Governor's theme is "To serve we grow". I could simply make mine that will be attached to

both these themes "Together we must grow for effectiveness". What do I mean? Simply put we need to be effective in order to be a fully fledged District; this can only be done if we intensify our efforts to recruit members in our clubs, our zones, our regions and ultimately our District.

We continue to speak of recruiting quality members. What do we really mean? How can we know whether a person is a 'quality' person for our organization unless we invite him/her? That person may be quality for another organization but not for ours at the time of recruitment. The most important character-

istic that we should know about any person we want to recruit is that he or she will be able to afford or have the ability or means to pay his/her dues. That person will become a quality person in Lionism if we plan and conduct an effective orientation programme whenever new members are inducted into our clubs. Fellow Lions let us each pledge to invite one guest to every meeting or club activity, with the intention of encouraging him/her to be a member. This means that our meetings and activities must be interesting and exciting, where everyone who attends will feel welcome and be able to fully participate as well as understand that they are a part of the organization.

Fellow members, we are below the required number of members to be called a District, we cannot afford to lose a District that we love so much. The clock is ticking, the time to act is now and I know that we can do whatever it takes for us to be a District. It can only remain and develop once more into an efficient and effective District if we commit ourselves to our individual roles; either as a member, a club officer, a Zone Chairperson, a Region Chairperson, a District Chairperson or a Principal Cabinet Officer. This can only be done if we consult and communicate and submit quality and timely reports (including PU 101s, MMRs and activity).

We need to assist our District Governor Lion Col. (Ret'd.) Tekemanangathe Ramkumar, who has all the enthusiasm and ability as well as an appointed team to make changes to our District.

Can we do it? Yes we can! Let us be the everyday Heroes we volunteered to be and

"To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity." - Douglas Adams

LILONGWE LIONS CLUBS HONOUR NEW MEMBERS ON LIONS WORDWIDE INDUCTION DAY

On 4 April, 2009, the Lions International Association staged one of the largest events in its 92 year history, celebrating the induction of thousands of new members in ceremonies around the world for Lions worldwide induction day.

Here in Lilongwe, seven men and women were inducted into Lions clubs at a special ceremony in line with activities on the calendar of Lions Club International. Lions Mtendere Ngoma, Kate Musimwa, Agnes Makonda-Ridley, Francis Dzinkambani and 3 other members were inducted. Lions Clubs of Bwaila, Lilongwe, Capital City, Kasungu and Mchinji jointly organized the glamorous function.

According to Lion Clement Ndala, Secretary for Bwaila Lions Club who is also the D412 Membership Extension, Retention and Leadership Chairman, the Lions Worldwide Induction Day was successful for many reasons. "As Lions club members, we are dedicated to serving the community," said Lion Ndala. "Here in Lilongwe, we wanted to share our spirit of volunteerism and that of our mission—We Serve, with our newest members so that they would feel the pride of what it means to be a Lion".

In celebrating Lions Worldwide Induction Day, the Central Region Lions clubs made a commitment to continue selflessly serving the community without expectation of financial reward. Proceeds from past fundraising events have gone to or-

phanages, scholarships and many other causes to which the clubs have contributed. The oldest club in the Centre and North, Capital City Lions Club, was chartered in 1978 and the latest and newest is Mchinji Club, chartered in 2007.

In attendance was the Guest of Honour, Chinese Ambassador Lin Songtian. Two Lions Past District Governors from Lusaka, Zambia, Muti Beyani and Hastings Chiti conducted the induction. Lion Jean Mathanga, Region 1 Malawi Chairperson from Capital City Club presided over the function while Lion Elsie Mituka was Mistress of ceremonies.

Lions Club Presidents Lucky Penumungu, [Capital City], Precious Givah, [Bwaila] Kingsley Gwaza [Lilongwe] Hellen Makuluni [Mchinji] Ellen Bokonya [Kasungu] were in attendance with their club members.

Lion Ndala told the audience that Lions Club International is the world's largest service club organization with about 1.4 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in 202 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world, Ndala concluded.

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Region 1 Malawi Mozambique Lion/Leos Club Officers Orientation/Training

Sat 22-Sun 23 Aug 09. All club officers and interested Lion/Leos of region 1 are requested to seize this opportunity and attend.

Lions Quest: A new world of service!!!

History of Lions Quest Development



*Dr Bharat Bhagat
Executive Director,
Lions Quest in
India Foundation*

Rick Little, a 18 years boy of USA, was driving his car, met with a severe accident and was hospitalized. He had fracture spine. During his days of hospitalization, he could not move out and was bonded to the bed. He visualized his own life experiences during these days, which were full of pain and agony. In spite of pain he was thinking of education which he was receiving in his studies.

After being discharged from the hospital, he arrived home and was shocked to see the situation. His mother was not in her senses; she was under coma due to over dose of drug. Rick was moved and decided to create a life skill program, which will help people overcoming their problems in life and learn to develop various skills to make a good human being.

He wrote letters to 3000 young successful people in the age group of 40s and asked those pointed questions that what kind of

education could have made you a good human being apart from being a successful person. The answers were common irrespective of cast, creed for community. Inspired from the answers he wrote letters to 2000 young adolescent children in the different parts of USA to know about their desire to learn beyond educational curriculum. Surprisingly he found answers that were the same as answers from the people of age group of 40s.

He undertook a research on students in the universities / institutes and working people to understand; what exactly they are up to and where they stand in life problem solving skill?

For the next 2 years, he met many Educationalists, counselors, etc, and submitted his proposal to various organizations, but could not succeed. About 155 proposals were rejected. In the meantime, Rick's parent asked him to come back home.

Rick approached Mr Russ Mawby of W.K. Kellogg Foundation with a revised proposal. They decided to meet for a lunch meeting: during the meeting Rick explained his views on the program and asked for a grant of \$ 65,000.

After few days Mr Mawby called Rick and informed that his proposal for the grant amount is being rejected by the

Trustees; disappointed Rick hanged up. Mr Mawby called again, and informed that the Trustees have agreed to provide a grant of \$ 1, 30,000 instead of \$ 65000 which you have asked, because the Trustees were highly impressed with the Life Skill programme which was prepared by Rick. They wanted to name this program as "Quest Programme" because the Foundation thought that this is a program which helps people to make search from within and get best from outside.

The set of 9 skills were promoted through the Program:

1. **Self Confidence**
2. **Decision Making**
3. **Communication**
4. **Strengthening Positive Relationship**
5. **Managing Emotions**
6. **Critical Thinking and Problem Solving**
7. **Goal Setting**
8. **Service Learning**
9. **Saying no to negative pressure**

Since then Quest program never looked back and met to the satisfaction of users, it is growing in many countries of the world. The impact of programme is visible where it has been used in continuity. *****

A positive concept of extra.....From page 5

fellow Lions get all these elements in their clubs, they will keep coming back for sure. Attitudes are contagious; make sure yours is worth catching. All these will bring more prospective members in your clubs and we achieve our goal of reaching the minimum numbers in our District. I am quite positive that the concept of extra will stand your Lions clubs in good stead in 2009-2010 and in future.

Please remember the first step in the extra concept required from the new Lions officers of all the clubs is attending the Club Officers' orientation workshop on 12th and 13th September 2009 venue to be announced shortly. Use the following months to jump there with renewed energy and commitment for this great workshop. Banish negative energy and lead by example. It is a choice and attitude. Go the extra mile from strength to strength. **Please induct at least one Lion in your club this year.** My full support and best wishes for all your endeavors in your clubs. *****

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

by **Lion Maureen Barrett**

Is it true that the president can vote only to break a tie?

Answer:

No, it is not true that the president can vote only to break a tie. If the president is a member of the assembly, he or she has exactly the same rights and privileges as all other members have, including the right to make motions, speak in debate and to vote on all questions. However, the impartiality required of the presiding officer of an assembly (especially a large one) precludes exercising the right to make motions or debate while presiding, and also requires refraining from voting except (i) when the vote is by ballot, or (ii) whenever his or her vote will affect the result.

When will the chair's vote affect the result? On a vote which is not by ballot, if a majority vote is required and there is a tie, he or she may vote in the affirmative to cause the motion to prevail. If there is one more in the affirmative than in the negative, he or she can create a tie by voting in the negative to cause the motion to fail. Similarly, if a two-thirds vote is required, he or she may vote either to cause, or to block, attainment of the necessary two thirds. *****

Where do you stand on club financial matters as at 30th April 2009?

From the Desk of Cabinet Treasurer PDG Lion Anil Patel

	Club	LCI	Dist.	Mbs.	MMR	Club	LCI	Dist.	Mbs.	MMR
		US \$	Pula	No	Mo/Yr		US \$	US \$	No	Mo/Yr
Botswana	Francistown	-51.57	2,200.00	55	Nov-09	Lobatse	-160.85	880	22	Apr-09
	Jubilee	141.92	600	15	Mar-09	Molepolole	-28.95	600	15	Apr-09
	Nyangabgwe	-56.57	1,480.00	37	Mar-09	Maun	79.15	440	11	Jan-09
	Tati	39	320	8	Apr-09	S/Phikwe	0	1,000.00	25	Mar-09
	Gaborone	-98.74	1,600.00	40	Apr-09	Mokomoto	-956.82	960	24	Apr-09
	Jwaneng	244.94	440	11	Jan-09	Serowe	-15.72	960	24	Apr-09
						Tonota	468	480	12	Dec-09
Malawi	Blantyre	799.5	1,640.00	41	May-09	Limbe	351	720	18	Mar-09
	Bwaila	633.64	1,000.00	25	Apr-09	Liwonde	47	320	8	Jan-09
	Capital-City	0	1,520.00	38	Mar-09	Mangochi	302.25	640	16	Oct-09
	Chichiri	0	840	21	Feb-09	Mchinji	0	880	22	Apr-09
	Kasungu	319.57	480	12	Mar-09	Mzuzu	0	1,040.00	26	Mar-09
	Lilongwe	436.8	840	21	Apr-09	Nchalo	604.5	1,240.00	31	Sep-09
						Zomba	0	1,240.00	31	Apr-09
Moz.	Tete									
Zimbabwe	Bulawayo	0	96	16	Apr-09	Mutare	0	114	19	Jun-09
	Khumalo	41.3	90	15	Mar-09	M. Dew	0	132	22	Dec-09
	Matopos	0	84	14	Apr-09	Mvurwi	0	102	17	Aug-09
	Chredzi	0	108	18	Apr-09	Mazingwane	0	84	14	Jan-09
	Gwebi	0	42	7	Aug-09	Nora Valley	0	60	10	Jan-09
	Gweru	0	168	28	Feb-09	Nyanga	0	108	18	Apr-09
	Gweru-City	0	126	21	May-09	Redcliff	0	144	24	Apr-09
	Harare City	0	72	12	Jan-09	Sebakwe	0	120	20	Apr-09
	Phonenix	142.79	54	9	Apr-09	Shurugwi	0	138	23	Sep-09
	Harare West	0	156	26	Apr-09	Triangle	134.01	120	20	Apr-09
	Hatfield	0	102	17	Feb-09	University	0	228	38	Sep-09
	Kadoma	0	246	41	Apr-09	Victoria Falls	0	168	28	Apr-09
	Kwe Kwe	0	108	18	Nov-09	W'kie Lw'dulu	0	84	14	Jun-09
	Mabelreign	0	96	16	Feb-09	Zvishavane	0	150	25	Sep-09
	Masvingo	289.92	252	42	Mar-09					

Region 2 Zimbabwe Lions/Leos Club Officers Orientation/Training

To be held at **Redcliff** on Saturday, **8th August 2009**; from 0800hrs till 1700hrs (weekend of first Cabinet meeting set for Sunday, 9th August 2009). Delegates can arrive the evening of Friday, 7th August 2009 or very early Saturday 8th August.

Registration fee set at about US\$12.00 per participant for the Saturday Workshop. Optional DG Changeover Dinner/Social available at US\$12 per head. Friday early bird social: US\$ 5.00 per delegate.

Participants will be chosen from and must be Club Officers or any Lions/ Leos keen on leadership skills development and furthering their Lions/ Leos understanding. The participants must apply early to allow the

facilitators to process the applications according to the laid down priority order set by LCI.

Training places are limited and will be on a 'First-Come-First-Served' basis. **Host-a-Lion** will be available on a similar basis. Those opting for **private accommodation** will be availed tariffs and contact details in the next D412 newsletter.

Bookings can be made directly or through the Facilitator- FVDG Lion Pateson at pattey@mweb.co.zw or Cell-023826404 or Tel-05523418 (B) / 62161 (H).