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 LIONS INTERNATIONAL DIABETIC  
EMERGENCY WARD & OPD CLINIC  
SUNTRESO-KUMASI



**WE SERVE A WORLD IN NEED**



## Lions International

### District Governor's Message

We are three months already into the 2024/25 Lions service year. Since this is the first Issue of the Newsletter for the year, I do welcome you all to the 2024/25 service year. I also wish to thank the Lions of District 418 – Ghana, for giving me the responsibility to lead the District this service year. I also want to thank my predecessors for the foundations they have laid for me to build upon and I am confident that this year we will chalk additional milestones in our District.

My theme for this year is 'Inspire, Involve, Innovate'. We cannot always do the same things and expect improved results so we will consider some innovative practices in how we carry out some of our responsibilities this year. Such innovative ideas will inspire us all to get involved at the Club and District levels to also try new things for greater success. My slogan is "Yes, Let us Make Our Mark" and it is derived from the International President Fabricio Oliveira's theme – **Make Your Mark**. Each of us can Make Our Mark in service to the community. As Lions of D418, together as a Club and as a District we can Make Our Mark in service to the community too. All we need to do is concentrate on our primary aim for joining the Lions Club, which is to serve the needy, and put in the best of our 3Ts, our Time, our Talent and our Treasure. This slogan resonates with the four areas in Lions' work - membership, service, leadership and increasing our donations to LCIF for more impact. We need to work harder to further strengthen the District in these areas.

I look forward to your support, contributions, ideas and involvement to enable us stay on the line of achieving our objectives. When we work together for the good of our communities, eschewing personal interests, we can do more. Let us therefore join hands and pledge that "We will Make our Mark". On this note, I wish all Lions and Leos of D418 a successful Lions service year.

We Serve!



**Lion Dr. Helena Asamoah-Hassan, PMJF, GLCF**  
**District Governor - 2024/25**





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## EDITOR'S NOTE



Lion Oscar Onai  
District Marketing and Communications Chair

It is with great pleasure that we bring this quarterly newsletter your way. The memories and impact we've created together on our service journey so far this year are truly worth preserving, and we hope this newsletter will serve as a meaningful keepsake of all that we've accomplished.

While there are countless activities and inspiring service stories to share, we've chosen to highlight a few that capture the heart of our mission, with a particular focus on action-oriented pictures that showcase the power of Lions in motion.

As we get into the second quarter of the service year, let us remain united in kindness and continue serving a world that needs us now more than ever. Keep serving with pride! We Serve a World in Need!

# Accept the mission.

Our drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide starts with you.

**#MissionToGrow**

## LIST OF CABINET MEMBERS – 2024/25



**Lion Dr. Helena Asamoah-Hassan**  
District Governor  
Kumasi Royal



**Lion Kate Baaba Hudson**  
Imm. Past District Governor  
Tema



**Lion Prince Obeng Dwamena**  
First Vice District Governor  
Accra Spintex Road



**Lion Ebo Prah Manson**  
Second Vice District Governor  
Accra Metro



**Lion Edem Ocloo-Anipah**  
District Cabinet Secretary  
Tema Oak



**Lion Bless Dzah**  
District Cabinet Treasurer  
Kumasi Royal



**Lion Helen Maku Obeng**  
District Honorary Committee Chairperson  
Accra Diamond



**Lion Martin Adu Adadey**  
District GET Coordinator  
Tema Community 25



**Lion Richard Bansah**  
District GLT Coordinator  
Accra Diamond



**Lion Jonathan Sam**  
District GMT Coordinator  
Accra Diamond



**Lion Albert Appiah**  
District GST Coordinator  
Accra Golden



**Lion Oscar Onai**  
District Marketing Chairperson  
Accra Harmony





**Lion Nana Akua Mensa-Bonsu**  
District LCIF Coordinator  
Adenta Mountain View



**Lion Bernard Owusu Yankey**  
Region 1 Chairperson  
Accra Golden



**Lion Francis Jarvis Tachi**  
Region 2 Chairperson  
Accra Diamond



**Lion Emmanuel Cyril Okafor**  
Zone 1A Chairperson  
Kasoa Kas City



**Lion Stella May Kaiisi**  
Zone 1B Chairperson  
Achimota Golf Hills



**Lion Bernard Owusu Yankey**  
Region Chair (Caretaker Zone Chair)  
Zone 1C Chairperson



**Lion Bernard Owusu Yankey**  
Region Chair (Caretaker Zone Chair)  
Zone 1D



**Lion Daniel Akuffo**  
Zone 1E Chairperson  
Accra Golden



**Lion John Amedior**  
Zone 2A Chairperson  
Accra Diamond



**Lion Victor Nyadu**  
Zone 2B Chairperson  
Accra Platinum



**Lion Chris Conduah**  
Zone 2C Chairperson  
Accra Metro



**Lion Ruby Nutor**  
Zone 2D Chairperson  
Accra Gye Nyame





**Lion Bright Petit Agozie**  
Zone 2E Chairperson  
Tema Oak



**Lion Sampson Yeboah Abankwah**  
District Childhood Cancer Chairperson  
Accra Metro



**Lion Jennifer Duodu Mensah**  
District Diabetes Awareness & Action Chairperson  
Accra Golden



**Lion Dr Isaac Owusu**  
District Sight Preservation, A & Action Chairperson  
Tema



**Lion Charles Otobil**  
District Environment Chairperson  
Tema Supreme



**Lion Emmanuel Gyim**  
District Hunger Chairperson  
Accra Hills



**Lion Henry Quist**  
District Lions Quest Chairperson  
Legon



**Lion Kofi Owusu Boateng**  
District Leo Club, Youth Camp & Exchange Chairperson  
Tema Greenwich



**Lion Alfred Quartey**  
District Information Technology Chairperson  
Legon



**Lion Maame Yaa Mensa-Bonsu**  
District Constitution and By-Laws Chairperson  
Adenta Mountain View



**Lion Kobina Dabi Appiah**  
District Peace Poster Contest Chairperson  
Accra Diamond



**Lion Francisca Thompson**  
District Convention Chairperson  
Accra Golden



**Lion Bismark Opoku Tweneboah Kodua**  
District Club Competition  
Chairperson  
Accra Prestige



**Lion Majorie Yatimpo**  
District Protocol Chairperson  
& Sergeant at Arms  
Adenta Mountain View



**Lion Gifty Nkrumah**  
Deputy District Protocol  
Chairperson & Sergeant at Arms  
Tema Industrial



# Lions International

## District Governor's Goals for District 418, 2024-2025 Lions Service Year

### Key Highlights of Goals

- Ensure officers understand their roles and responsibilities
- Collaborate across various levels of leadership
- Regular meetings to review progress, resolve challenges and identify opportunities
- Celebrate success and recognise members for their efforts.

### Service Goals

- Improve Club Reporting
- Achieve 100% Club reporting
- Carry out at least 3 High -impact District activities

### Membership Development

This is in line with Mission 1.5 targets

- Charter 7 new clubs with at least 140 members
- induct at least 200 new members into existing Clubs
- Member drops will not exceed 235
- Net membership gain of 21

### Leadership Development

- Training of Club Officers and Zone Chairpersons
- GLT will report each training in Learn
- Ensure 100% attendance of Zone Chairpersons at training
- Confirm 90% attendance at club officers (President, Secretary and Treasurer) training.
- Quarterly training of Clubs led by FDI Graduates
- Monthly self-learning on 2 topics at the Lions Learning Centre
- Organise 2 LCI-supported Local Institutes - ELLI and RLLI

### Lions Club International Foundation

- Increase individual participation by 10% and Club participation by 10%
- Encourage 2 Clubs to achieve 100% member participation
- DG will work hard to achieve Bronze level LCIF Chairperson's medal
- DG to make a personal donation to LCIF
- DG to ask 15 members of the Cabinet to make personal donations to LCIF

### Custom Goals

- Achieve the District Excellence Awards
- Develop and implement marketing campaign for district events
- 90% of Clubs to complete Club Quality Initiative (CQI) Workbook or Plan Your Club's Success
- Encourage healthy competition between and among Clubs
- Awards for early bird learners on the Lion Learning Centre





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### Cabinet Members Attend 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July

In line with Lions International requirements, the first Cabinet Meeting for the 2024/25 service year was successfully held within 30 days of the International Convention, taking place on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024. This important meeting was preceded by the GAT Committee meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July, as stipulated.

During the Cabinet meeting, our District Governor, Lion Dr. Helena Asamoah-Hassan officially swore in the District Officers for the 2024/25 Lions service year. The District Governor also presented the District's goals, followed by presentations from other Cabinet members outlining their area-specific goals and action plans. These plans were thoroughly discussed, approved, and set in motion for the year ahead, marking the beginning of what promises to be an impactful year of service. Since the meeting, Cabinet members have energetically begun implementing their respective action plans, driving forward our shared mission of service.



### The District Governor leads A Media Engagement Campaign



The District Governor, supported by the District Marketing and Communications Chairperson, Lion Oscar Onai, had a media tour of three TV stations namely Joy News, GHOne, Joy Prime, and one radio station namely Joy FM, to draw awareness about the services of Lions International in Ghana as well as create publicity for the District Governor's investiture and fundraising dinner.





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### District 418 Marks Its First District Governor's Investiture and Fundraising Dinner



On 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024 Lions International, District 418, held a successful Investiture and Fundraising Dinner at Lancaster Hotel, Accra, aimed at supporting high-impact community service projects. The event, which saw the formal investiture of Lion Dr. Helena Asamoah-Hassan as our new District Governor for the Lions year, also served as a platform to mobilize resources for critical humanitarian initiatives.

The fundraising effort was

targeted at the following impactful activities:

1. Construction of the Lions International Diabetic Emergency Ward and OPD Clinic at the Suntreso Government Hospital, Kumasi.
2. Cataract surgeries for 100 persons to restore sight and improve the quality of life for individuals in need.
3. Branding of Police barriers and the erection of safety signs to promote road safety and reduce accidents.

### District Governor's Club Visits

From 4th August to 1st September 2024, our District Governor visited various Lions Clubs across the District, starting with Kasoa Kascity Lions Club and concluding with Akosombo Lions Club. These visits were more than just meetings; they were heartfelt gatherings filled with the exchange of ideas, aspirations, and a shared commitment to service.





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### Run Against Childhood Cancer (21km/5km) - A Childhood Cancer Awareness Activity

On 7th September 2024, Lions International, District 418 - Ghana, partnered with Lifeline for Childhood Cancer Ghana and the Millennium Marathon 2024 to champion the "Run Against Childhood Cancer" awareness campaign held in Osu, Accra. Nearly 180 Lions and Leos from clubs across the District joined the walk. During the walk, participants handed out educational leaflets and engaged the local community on the early warning signs of childhood cancer, spreading crucial information that could help save lives. This impactful event combined athletic endurance with a mission to shed light on the critical issue of childhood cancer in Ghana, especially due to the alarming rates of late diagnoses and unreported cases. The event featured a 21 km race for professional athletes and a 5 km walk/jog for non-professionals.



### Accra Ubuntu Donates to the 37 Diabetic Clinic

On August 9th, 2024, Accra Ubuntu made a donation to the 37 Military Hospital's Diabetic Clinic. The club provided an office desk, waiting chairs, and a flat-screen television to enhance the clinic's patient experience. The television will be used to deliver educational content to patients during treatment and reviews, promoting better diabetes management.







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### SOD CUTTING OF LIONS INTERNATIONAL DIABETIC EMERGENCY WARD AND OPD CLINIC



The District Governor on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 cut the sod for the construction of the Lions International Diabetic Emergency Ward and OPD Clinic at the Suntreso Government Hospital, Kumasi. She was assisted by Dr. Thomas Agyarko Poku, the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital, and a representative of Bantamahene. In attendance were some members of the District Cabinet, members of the project

committee, a cross-section of Lions based in Kumasi, and staff of the hospital.

The project, an initiative of the District Governor, will go a long way to improve the chances of diabetes prevention, care, and management. Indeed, the project buttresses our long-held commitment to improve healthcare for persons with diabetes.

### Youth Empowerment in Export Forum

Accra Omega Lions Club leads a group of clubs to undertake a youth activity dubbed “Youth Empowerment in Export Forum” on Friday, 23rd August 2024. The event was honoured by the District Governor, and Mr. Albert Kassim Diwura, the Deputy CEO of GEPA. It was held at the GEPA head office and attracted over 50 young entrepreneurs from various sectors. The other participating clubs are Tema Supreme Lions Club, Accra Diamond Lions Club, Tema Oak Lions Club, and Kumasi Royal Lions Club.



## Tema Oak and Kumasi Providence Lions Clubs Undertake Vocational and Entrepreneurial Skills Empowerment Activity



In August 2024, the Tema Oak and Kumasi Providence Lions Clubs collaborated to empower individuals within the Tema and Ashaiman municipalities with valuable vocational and entrepreneurial skills. This initiative was aimed at equipping participants with practical knowledge to enhance their economic independence and improve livelihoods.

## Accra Aquila Lions Club's Vocational Skills Empowerment Activity

On 17th August 2024, the Accra Aquila Lions Club successfully empowered 100 individuals in Akyem Small London and Asene Manso Akroso District with essential vocational skills. The training, themed “Empowering Futures: Coconut Biscuit Entrepreneurship for Young Girls,” focused on equipping participants, especially young girls, with the knowledge and skills to produce coconut biscuits, providing them with an opportunity to create sustainable livelihoods.



## Accra Zenith and Accra Ultimate Clubs Donate Books to O'Reilly SHS



On International Youth Day 2024, Accra Zenith and Accra Ultimate Lions Clubs, in partnership with the Rainbow Trust Foundation, held a youth-focused book donation at O'Reilly Senior High School. The initiative aimed to support literacy and educational development among the youth. Several books, covering a range of academic and personal development topics, were donated to the school's library, enriching the resources available to the students. This activity reinforced the

clubs' commitment to empowering young minds and promoting education, and it was warmly appreciated by the school community.





Community 4.

This event served as an impactful venue for raising awareness about childhood cancer among the community members. The presence of various vendors, parents, and children enriched the outreach efforts, allowing for diverse interactions and learning opportunities.

## Childhood Cancer Awareness Campaign with Labour

### Masqueraders Society

Tema Industrial Lions Club, in collaboration with the Accra Ubuntu Lions Club, took the Childhood Cancer Awareness campaign to the Labour Fair, organised by the Labour Masqueraders Society on Saturday, 21st September 2024, at St. Peters Car Park, Tema



## Free Spirometry Activity to Mark World Lung Health Day 2024



In observance of World Lung Health Day 2024, the Accra Harmony Lions Club with support from Achimota Golf Hills Lions Club collaborated with Babychildandco to undertake an environment-cause activity. The team conducted lung function tests for students at the Ayalolo Cluster of Schools in Agbobbloshie and traders at the Agbobbloshie Vegetable Market. Being the most air-polluted community in Ghana, the event also aimed to raise awareness about lung health and the need for pollution-free environment among the students, teachers, and traders.



## Youth Literacy Development Activity

On 12th September 2024, the Accra Premier Lions Club organized a youth-focused literacy development activity at the Dodowa Methodist A&B Cluster of Schools. As part of the club's commitment to supporting education and empowering young learners, 1,000 Lions-branded exercise books and 12 school bags were donated to needy pupils in the school. This initiative aimed to alleviate the challenges some students face in accessing basic learning materials, thereby fostering a better learning environment.



## Donation to the Accra Psychiatric Hospital



On National Volunteer Day 2024, Accra Gye Nyame Lions and Leos Clubs, in collaboration with Accra City Leo Club and iDonate GH, donated assorted items to the Accra Psychiatric Hospital. The donation



included essential supplies aimed at supporting the well-being of patients. In addition to the donation, the group also undertook a general cleaning exercise within the hospital premises, helping to create a cleaner and healthier environment.

## Dental Health and Eye Screening at Akuse Prison



On 20th September 2024, Tema Lions and Akosombo Lions Clubs jointly organized a dental health and eye screening exercise at the Akuse Prison. This initiative aimed to improve the well-being of inmates by addressing their dental and visual health needs. Many prisoners benefited from the screening, receiving essential care and referrals for further treatment where necessary.

