

Awareness Campaign Against Drug Abuse Through Sport



Lagos Achievers Lions Club collaborated with the Community Development Associations of Obalende South and Ijeh/Dolphin communities of Lagos to organize a football match in commemoration of the World Youth Day. The match was played by two youth teams in the communities on Sunday August 25 at the Ijeh Community centre, Ijeh Road, Obalende.

The programme with the theme "**SAY NO TO DRUGS**" was organized to educate and enlighten the youth in the two communities on the danger of drug abuse which has become rampant in the area.

The event featured an awareness talk by the officers of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Zonal Commander **Segun Oke**, Commander Lagos, **Abubakar Wali** and Assistant Superintendent of Narcotics, **Peter Akinbode** and a Poet therapist **Mrs Maureen Aniakor**.

Present at the event were members of the club led by the president Lion Imeobong Oluyemi, the District Governor Lion Folasade Shotomide with some members of her District Cabinet as well as Lagos Achievers Leo Club members. The chairmen of Obalende South Community Development Association and Ijeh-Dolphin CDA, **Monday Agbora** and

Oniru Hamzat Babatunde, **Hon. Maroof Akindele**, former representative of Obalende ward were also present to witness the event.

The club, as part of the awareness programme distributed educative flyers on drug abuse to all guests and organized an interactive session with the invited parents. The interactive session was anchored by Zonal Commander Oke, Lagos Commander Wali, AS Narcotics Peter Akinbode and Poet Therapist Maureen Aniakor to educate parents on ways to prevent and eradicate drug abuse in their various homes.

The football match between Obalende South community and Ijeh Dolphin community was purposely organized to attract the attention of the youth in the two communities to the awareness programme and it recorded a huge success as it was well attended.



The awareness talks were given before the match and during the interval. Musical entertainment also added fun to the event.

At the end of the match the two football teams were rewarded with a trophy, football and cash donation by the club.

By Moruf Jebe



From the *Editor*

Hi! I am really delighted to welcome you to the freshly minted edition of our quarterly newsletter, The Achiever.

Any great accomplishment or life-changing journey starts with a simple, yet crucial, first step. We are ecstatic to have begun our service year with great zeal and readiness, to effect a lasting impact within Obalende and Ijeh communities in Lagos.

It has been four months since the commencement of our service year, and we are proud of the accomplishments that Lagos Achievers Lions Club

has made.

This maiden edition for the year focuses on the progress we have made in the first quarter of the 2024/2025 Lions year, towards improving the lives and well-being of members of our communities, through various intervention projects and awareness campaigns. You will also find in it, an interesting article on how to re-engineer your finances for wholesome living in the current difficult economy and many other goodies.

Please enjoy the offer and should you find that our activities align with your service spirit, please contact us for a discussion on possible membership or partnership, whichever suits you better.

Very best regards

Lion Mfon Anderson
Editor



President's **Message**

It is with great joy that I welcome you, my fellow Lions, Leos and prospective Lions to the rebirth of Lagos Achievers Lions Club newsletter, THE ACHIEVER.

I am proud, honoured, and humbled to represent Lagos Achievers Lions Club in 2024/2025 Lions service year as its 26th President. This club has gone a long way to fulfil its name and through THE ACHIEVER you will confirm that it is one of the best clubs in District 404A3, Nigeria

I am extremely delighted to see the rebirth of the Achievers magazine happen during my tenure as the club president and I know you will have a wonderful time reading about how our club has brought joy and succour to the Obalende community. We will bring to you insightful articles about financial planning and management, health, and a sneak peek into the activities we have already planned for the future.

MY STORY:

Driven by a heightened passion for humanity, I joined Lions Clubs International as a member of Calabar Paradise Leo Club in 2006, where I served as a club secretary. I had the opportunity to develop myself through the exchange of ideas, friendship, inspirational lectures, and tours. Following graduation and relocation to Lagos, I joined Lagos Achievers Lions Club in 2018/2019 Lions year. Having served in various capacities from being a 3-tenure Club Secretary, Project Chairperson and Vice President, I was elected the President. Today, I am a graduate of Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) and Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI). I have, through donations to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Nigerian Lions Charity Foundation (NLCF), been awarded the Melvin Jones Fellow award from LCIF and 2 Star award from NLCF

All these efforts are to put a smiles on people's faces

WHAT IS YOUR STORY?

Do you love service to humanity? Are you a philanthropist? Are you a leader?

Whatever it is, I urge you to join the ACHIEVERS to serve humanity and put more smiles on the faces of people around you.

Lion Imeobong Oluwatemi Oluyemi MJF, NLCF

Lions Meet CDC EXCO To Identify Community Needs

By Austin Onono

On the 6th of June 2024, ahead of the start of current Lions year, members of Lagos Achievers Lions Club, led by the then First Vice President, Lion Imeobong Oluwateniola Oluayemi visited Obalende community for its annual needs assessment exercise.

The team was received by the Chairpersons of Obalende and Ijeh communities, members of the Community Development Associations and other members of the community. The exercise which is held annually, affords the club an opportunity to determine, through comprehensive discussion and on-the-spot assessment, the most critical needs of the communities.

Challenges identified include significant drug abuse by youth with visible and worrying debilitating effects on the youth and community, urgent need to address the blocked drains in the community in order to stop flooding of homes and business premises, critical need for medical attention for the indigent as many



community members are neither able to afford hospital visits nor purchase required medicines and attention to the worsening vision problems of some elderly and school-age children. The visit also identified that the community has not been spared the devastating hunger which is currently prevalent in the country.

The two teams jointly agreed on some possible solutions which Lagos Achievers, subject to availability of funds, promised to seek and deploy. The community members were led by **Monday Agboro**,

Chairman Obalende South CDA, Oniru Hamzat Babatunde, Chairman Ijeh CDA, Godfrey Oshole, Vice Chairperson Obalende South CDA, Mrs Awolesi, Vice Chairperson Ijeh CDA, Eleru, Lateef Abiodun, Secretary Ijeh CDA, Ogunjobi Babatope, Blessing Osuji, Abayomi Ojo and Emeka Osuji. Lion Grace Ayo, Lion Moruf Jebe and Lion Austin Onono accompanied Lion Oluayemi on the visit.



Lion Folasade Of Lagos Achievers Heads Lions District

By Obo Effanga

Call it the past meeting the present to define the future, and you would not be wrong. That was the setting at The Summit Hall, Alausa, Ikeja- Lagos, as our own **Lion Folasade Shotomide** was formally presented as the District Governor for our Lions District 404 A3 on July 27, 2024.

Lion Folasade (Sade for short), the 10th president of the Lagos Achievers Lions Club (2008/2009) has set a record as the first member of the club to become District Governor.



To grace the event was the club's Charter President, **Obafemi Giwa-Amu**, as special guest and an array of past district governors like Lions **Alex Irotumhe, Anthony Okpere, Laitan Onolaja, Kola Oyekanmi** and **Taiwo Adewunmi**.

Lion Sade used the opportunity to call for support for her planned projects for the year, the star of which is the Empowerment of 100 youths each in Agriculture and Information Technology.

And when the donations began rolling in, it was obvious that the appeal had resounded well with

the guests, starting from the chairman **Professor Akin Abayomi**, the Lagos State Health Commissioner who was represented by Mr. Carrew. The former governor of Ogun State, **Senator Gbenga Daniel**, and the special guest of the District Governor **Mr. Obafemi Giwa-Amu** positively responded to the call.

The well-attended event featured the decoration of all the Lions Club presidents in the District as well as the recognition and decoration of all the District Cabinet Officers for the 2024/2025 Lions Service Year.

Lions Plant Trees To Save The Future

By Olalekan Shonekan

The Lions District 404A3 Nigeria has commemorated this year's World Tree Planting Day in partnership with the Lagos State Park and Garden who gave out free seedlings to all the clubs in the District.



In her address, the District Governor said the purpose of the event is to protect our environment and beautify our communities.

It was a colourful event well attended by Lions from various clubs across the district led by District Governor **Lion Folasade Shotomide**, as well as the executive members of Anthony Village Development Community.

Lagos Achievers Lions Club had full participation in the event with the club president **Lion Imeobong Oluyemi** and the club environment committee chairperson **Lion Olawale Hassan** planting trees on behalf of our club.

Expectant Mothers Gifted On World Humanitarian Day

By Sylvia Effah

Lagos Achievers Lions Club joined the global community to celebrate World Humanitarian Day on August 19, a day aimed at recognizing and honoring the sacrifices of those who help people living in poor conditions.

This year's World Humanitarian Day, with the theme: "Act of Humanity" was commemorated to pay tribute and appreciation to the selfless efforts of humanitarian workers from corporate to non-governmental sectors.

To commemorate the day, members of the Lagos Achievers Lions Club led by the President **Lion Imeobong Oluyemi** donated toiletries, diapers, feeding bottles, towels, baby dresses, toys, and wrappers to expectant mothers who were present at the Obalende Primary Health Centre present on the



ante-natal day.

Some leftover items were handed over to the Apex Nurse and Matron for further donations to babies and mothers on future immunisation days.





CREATING AND MANAGING WEALTH IN A DEPRESSED ECONOMY: WITH MEAGRE RESOURCES.

By Queen Onyeulo.

THE AVERAGE NIGERIAN ONLY SEES WHAT THEY DON'T HAVE. HOW ABOUT EXAMINING WHAT YOU HAVE, AND SEE HOW YOU CAN USE IT TO CREATE SUSTAINED WEALTH?

WHAT IS WEALTH?

Wealth can be defined in many ways, from various perspectives. However, a common thread in all these definitions is the idea of **abundance**, which sets wealth apart in its own distinct category. For example, a nation is called wealthy because it has **abundant** resources for its demography. What this means in essence is that a thing cannot be classified as wealthy until it becomes abundant.

CREATING WEALTH.

Many readers of this article will likely have come across numerous others offering two or three strategies for creating wealth, depending on how the author chooses to present them. You have probably also read that to create wealth, you need either a job, a business, or both, and that sustaining it requires passive income sources like investments in real estate, equities, and the like.

These ideas are not wrong; in fact, they are excellent and valid. However, we'll return to this after posing a very important question: **Knowing these things, have you bothered to ask why it doesn't seem to be working?**

THE MINDSET OF WEALTH.

The first step to creating wealth, or achieving anything at all, is having a clear vision of it. You can't create what you cannot envision, and you certainly can't become what you do not see.

Imagine trying to reach a destination you don't know or can't describe. That's exactly what happens when you don't see yourself as "wealthy."

While people may dismiss dreamers, every invention or innovation began as an idea. When asked about

their resources or assets, the average person lists everything except the most invaluable one – their mind. Visualizing yourself as who you want to become, shifts your mindset. It pushes you to start making decisions that lead you toward that path.

Now that we've addressed the question, "What do you see?" we can move on to the next: "How do I become what I see?"

THE ACTIONS OF WEALTH.

As powerful as an idea or vision may be, without action, it becomes wasted potential. To create the kind of wealth you've envisioned, you must carefully decide on the starting point that will guide you toward your destination. To better understand this process, let's explore two key concepts: "active income" and "passive income."

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– Warren Buffet

Active Income

This refers to any income earned through active participation, where your effort is required to generate the earnings. It could come from a job where you work for an employer or from running your own business as an entrepreneur.

Passive Income

As the name suggests, passive income refers to earnings generated from activities in which you are not actively involved. This is typically seen in investments. It's important to note that passive income is a strategy for wealth management, which will be discussed later in the article.

The next question that should come to mind is **"How can I earn the income required?"**

Starting a business requires both funding and a certain level of knowledge about the industry. However, if you lack the necessary funds or experience, it's wise to learn from someone more knowledgeable. This can help you avoid costly

mistakes.

A useful tip: "It's good to learn from your mistakes, but it's better to learn from other people's mistakes" – Warren Buffet.

It's also important to note that numerous resources are available in various fields that business owners can use to enhance both their knowledge and their businesses. On the other hand, securing a job typically requires some level of education, qualifications, or experience.

One aspect that is often overlooked when discussing jobs is that your income tends to grow as you advance in your career. This growth usually comes through years of experience, additional qualifications, or a combination of both.

You need to assess yourself honestly and decide which path to pursue, keeping in mind that neither is inherently easier than the other.

Now that you've chosen your path, the next question is: how do you nurture income and transform it into wealth?

MANAGING WEALTH.

The word "manage" inherently carries the idea of enduring difficulty to achieve a desired outcome. This suggests that wealth management is just as challenging as creating wealth.

The first thing you must accept is that you have a goal, and anything that doesn't contribute to that goal is irrelevant. Managing your income involves various factors, but I'll focus on three key elements that encompass most others: **Spending**, **Saving**, and **Investing**.

Disclaimer: You won't find a specific formula for distributing your income here. As Joshua Selman wisely said, "The way a man runs depends on what is chasing him."

Spending refers to the portion of your income used for immediate needs. At this stage, you can utilize the well-known economic tool called the "scale of preference," which involves listing all your unmet wants and arranging them in order of priority.

It's important to remember that your wants should come after your needs (necessities). Initially, not every need or want will be fulfilled, and this is where

sacrifice plays a role.

Saving is the portion of your income set aside for future needs. This includes goals for acquisitions, expansion, or improvement. Fortunately, banks offer savings accounts with modest but reasonable interest rates.

Investment is where many people encounter difficulties. Often, they invest money meant for spending and end up withdrawing too early, either at a loss or without any profit. Another common issue is falling for "get rich quick" schemes and losing their funds.

The purpose of investing is to grow your wealth over time. This is done by putting money, time, or effort into an asset with the expectation that its value will increase.

Investment opportunities come in various forms, such as equities, treasury investments, real estate, and retirement plans. I won't delve deeper into these here; instead, that's your first assignment.

However, I will give five tips to help reduce risk in making investment decisions:

- A risk that is not understood is a risk that isn't worth taking.
- If losing the money will negatively impact your well-being, avoid investing it.
- Before investing, thoroughly evaluate the company's management, financial health, past performance, and the industry and economic outlook.
- Ensure your funds are placed only in NDIC-insured banks (for deposits) or rated financial institutions. In Nigeria, GCR and Augusto & Co are well-known credit rating agencies.
- Be cautious of anyone promising extraordinarily high returns in a short period; such promises are likely too good to be true.
- While investing in various assets or instruments, remember not to overlook the most valuable asset you were born with: yourself. Prioritize your personal and professional development.



The Interview - Mfon Anderson



Obalende Community Grateful To Lions -CDA Chairman



In this interview, the Chairman of Obalende South Community Development Association, Monday Agboro, tells Achiever Editor, Lion Mfon Anderson the impact of Lagos Achievers Lions Clubs interventions in Obalende

How long have you been the Chairman of OSCDA?

This is my sixth year as chairman.

Before your tenure, for how long were you in the OSCDA Executive Committee?

I had been a CDA member for eight years before I became chairman.

When did you come in contact with the Lagos Achievers Lions Club?

We have been in contact with the Lagos Achievers Lions Club for the past eight years.

Given your extensive experience of the community, what impact do you think the Lions Club has had on the community?

The Lagos Achievers Lions Club has really been of help in the advocacy of saying no to drugs. They went as far as creating the Leo Club which involves the youth in our community. Even though the menace of drug abuse is too much, recently a football match was organized by the Lions Club to use that medium to address the drug abuse problem, and it was very successful.

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Donation of Respiratory monitor, the Pumani Bubble to the Military Hospital, Ikoyi, Lagos to mark the 25th anniversary of the club in March 2023



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