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## LITERACY EXTRAVAGANZA IN ZAMBEZI

BY ANDREW NG'OMBE—ZWC STAFFER



One of the schools that participated in the Literacy Fair

**Zambezi** district was treated to an extraordinary literacy extravaganza dubbed Zambezi Literacy Fair on the 2nd of April, 2019. This event was organized by Zambezi Writers Corner in conjunction with various partners. These partners included SEPA Zambia, DACA Zambezi office, Zambezi Electronic Library, NATSAVE Bank Zambezi branch, Mr Patrick Kalen'ga, and The Language Teachers Association of Zambia (LATAZ) Zambezi chapter.

The Fair had a plethora of activities for the pupils. These activities ranged from poetry recitation to debate. Other activities were drama and spelling bee competitions.

Various schools from the district sent pupils to represent them and participate in the Fair. There were pupils from both secondary and primary schools. The Fair showcased the talent of these young stars and achievers.

Various stakeholders from the district were in attendance to witness and enjoy the literacy fair. Among these were the DEBS Zambezi, the DESO Zambezi, the DACA Zambezi, SEPA Zambia CEO and officers, NATSAVE Officers, LATAZ District Treasurer and Secretary, Zambezi Electronic Library Officers and various headteachers from different schools within the district. A good number of teachers were also present at the fair.

# PUPILS IN ZAMBEZI APPRECIATE LITERACY FAIR

The learners who attended and participated at the just held Zambezi District Literacy Fair where very much delighted by number of exciting but educative activities showcased at the event. When one of the learners was asked about the event, she said, " I came here with a different view over this program. And I didn't want to stay long. However, the activities were so interesting that have made me to hang on up to the end." She further said that the program was not only interesting but also educative. ZWC further interviewed one of the parents that came for the event, Mr Tembo. Mr. Tembo said that it was worth it to have had spent that time in the hall watching learners performing their various activities. He further promised that whenever there will be such activities in the future, he shall encourage his children to come through as the program was very fruitful and educative.

At the same venue, the Guest of Honour who was the District Education Officer, Mr. Mukoyo, appreciated the organizers and urged them to continue with the same spirit. He urged the head teachers to support such programs in various schools as they were key to improve literacy, " I am urging you head teachers and teachers to embrace and take opportunity of these programs. They are the solution to the high illiteracy levels that our district is experiencing. If learners are kept busy and are motivated like this , we will be

able see a lot of improvement in terms of reading and writing in the district." He further encouraged learners to take these activities seriously as they were meant for them. He also reminded ZWC to speed up the publication of another magazine. He said that, the writing competition among the learners must be encouraged without fail. He said that he hoped to see the next volume of the magazine soon.

Both pupils and parents appreciated the ZWC for hosting such events and encouraged the team to continue with such motivating and educative programs

**By Susan Simuyemba—ZWC Staffer.**

## DEBATE AND POETRY WELCOMED BY MEMBERS OF ZAMBEZI COMMUNITY

By Daniel Phiri—ZWC Staffer

**Debate** was one the activities at the Literacy Fair competition which took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2018 in Zambezi.

The schools that took place in the debate were Zambezi Boarding Secondary School, Zambezi Day Secondary School, Chitokoloki Day Secondary School and Chizozu Day Secondary School. The debate had interesting motions that made the debate very captivating to watch and listen to. The first round was between Zambezi Boarding and Chizozu Day, and Zambezi Boarding came out victorious. The second round was between Zambezi Day and Chitokoloki Day and Chitokoloki came out victorious.

This meant that the final round was between Zambezi Boarding and Chitokoloki Day. The overall winner between the Zambezi Boarding and Chitokoloki was Zambezi Boarding who became victorious and managed to walk away with a medal.

Another activity that took centre stage at the Literacy was Poetry Recitation. It was so fascinating that the audience went jubilating. The poetry category had a lot of schools for both primary and secondary schools.



*Debate session in progress at the Literacy Fair*

The learners show cased their talents and Lwampungwa primary school came out first in the primary category and Zambezi Boarding Secondary School came out first.

The audience appreciated the poetry as they had not witnessed such for a very long time. " This is interesting. This kind of poetry is of high standard. Thanks to ZWC for such a wonderful organisation and truly speaking, ZWC needs support," one of the parents said.

Indeed, the stage was set hence, ZWC must continue as such would be the only medicine to motivate learners to continue to participate in the future.

Individual awards were also given to the best performers in various categories. Learners walked away with various types of awards such as books, pens and many others. At least eleven (11) pupils were awarded The pupils that collected the wards were captivated and the promised to do more. One of the pupils from Zambezi Day who walked away with the school exercise books and a pen promised to do more. "I am delighted especially that I didn't see this coming. I didn't anticipate this. I promise you that I will do more and I encourage my fellow learners to do more," She said. She also urged ZWC and partners to do more of such as they were educative programs.

# PHOTO FOCUS of ZAMBEZI LITERACY FAIR



Part of the audience at the Fair



Poetry recitation



ZEL staff at the Fair



SEPA CEO giving a speech



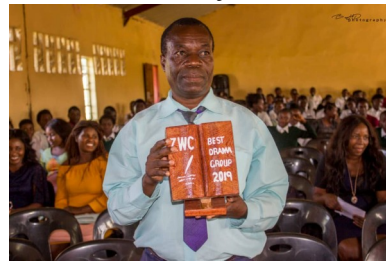
DEBS Zambezi confers with the DESO



A winner gets her award



The audience enjoying the activities



The winners medal



DACA Zambezi at the Fair



Poetry recitation



Part of the audience at the Fair



DEBS Zambezi gets a hug from a pupil



Chizozu pupils pose with the DEBS and DESO



Capturing the activities on camera

# ZWC TEACHERS' LITERACY TRAININGS

ZAMBEZI WRITERS CORNER held two Literacy Trainings for teachers in two districts of North Western province. These were held in Zambezi and Solwezi respectively. The Literacy Trainings were aimed at orienting our teachers on the work and agenda of ZWC. The trainings were also packed with other educative topics such as Article Writing, Narrative Writing, Poetry Writing and Analysis and the teaching of Literature.

The training in Zambezi was held in conjunction with the LATAZ Zambezi district chapter. The Zambezi DEBS office was also on hand to render support to the training. At this training, teachers from different schools with Zambezi district were invited to attend. These were drawn from both primary schools and secondary schools. This training was held at the Zambezi District Resource Centre and it was a one day training. ZWC staff were on hand to facilitate the training. Certifi-

cates of Attendance were issued to the participants. The Solwezi training was held with the support of Kansanshi Mining Plc through their



**Participants at the Zambezi Training with their Certificates**

Kansanshi Foundation. It was held at Kansanshi Foundation premises. The participants were also drawn from various schools within Solwezi district. The Solwezi DEBS office was also in attendance through the District ESO GI, The ZWC facilitated the training with the help of one teacher from Solwezi. The participants were also presented with certificates of attendance.

These trainings were also an opportunity for teachers to understand their role in helping ZWC achieve its objectives of reducing illiteracy among our pupils. The teachers who attended these trainings went away with zeal and zest to do coordinate the writing competition in their respective schools. From these trainings, ZWC was able to note an increase in the number of teachers who were able to guide their learners on how to write different pieces of writing.

**BY ANDREW NG'OMBE—ZWC STAFFER**

Participants at the Zambezi Training



Solwezi participants with their certificates



ZWC staffer facilitating

## UPCOMING ZWC EVENTS:

- Training of Teachers in Drama, Poetry and Debate Coaching
- Publication and Launch of LETS READ Magazine Issue 2
- Zambezi Literacy Fair number 2
- Workshop for teachers on Marking Exams
- Writing Competition for LETS READ Magazine Issue 3

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