

Lions Clubs International



District 105D

District Governor



Judith Goodchild



45th Annual District Convention

19th to 21st March 2010

Wokefield Park, Mortimer, Reading

105D Working Together to Serve our Communities



Lion Judith Goodchild
District Governor 105D
2009 - 2010

Fellow Lions and Guests,

It is my pleasure and honour, with Lion John, to welcome you all to the 45th Annual Convention of Lions Clubs International, District 105D at Wokefield Park, Reading. We are calling it the Diamond Convention as 2010 sees the 60th Anniversary of the introduction of Lionism to this country.

Many of you will have been to Convention before but there will be many for whom this is the first time. You are especially welcome and I hope that this will be the first of many Conventions that you attend. I have tried to respond to requests for changes and the programme does have a different look. Whether you are “a new comer” or, “old hand” I hope that you will have an enjoyable weekend in good company and have the opportunity to meet old friends and make interesting new acquaintances.

My District Convention Committee, chaired by Lion Barry Kemp, and the Host Committee from the Lions Club of Fleet, chaired by PDG Fred Massey, has worked extremely hard to ensure that this will be the best Convention yet. We have a world renowned expert in his field, Ian Murdoch, from Moorfields Hospital as our keynote speaker. We also have workshops which I am sure will be of interest to you. There are also several resolutions, which may lead to interesting debate.

We are delighted to welcome Past International Director, Lion Dr Patti Hill and her husband Lion Greg Holmes from the Edmonton Host Lions Club. She is a very interesting and friendly person, like all Lions, and I am confident that she will bring an interesting and thought provoking perspective of Lionism to our weekend, which will be a true reflection of our International President, Eberhard Wirf's theme Move to Grow. I am confident that you will all give her an unforgettable, traditional 105D welcome and share your friendship and fellowship with her throughout the weekend.

The timetable is very tight and to ensure we get the best from the day, I shall be moving through the agenda quickly and to assist in this, I ask that you read through the reports beforehand and inform the District Officer concerned (copied to me) of any questions you may wish to ask during the business session prior to Convention.

This will allow us to get through the business speedily whilst allowing you to have your say.

I should like to thank all those who have worked so hard to ensure that this weekend is a success and express the hope that you will enjoy the social activities and benefit from the business session and Sunday Forums, as well as having an excellent weekend of friendship and fellowship.

Yours very sincerely in Lionism,

DG Judith



DR. PATRICIA HILL

PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Patricia Hill from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 90th International Convention, held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, July 2-6, 2007.

Past Director Hill is a psychologist.

A member of the Edmonton Host Lions Club since 1990, Past Director Hill has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, district governor and council chairperson. She also served as district chairperson for Membership, Environment, Convention and International Cooperation and Understanding. Additionally she has served as a committee member for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, multinational coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II, secretary for the Lions Eyebank (Alberta) Society, Past Director of the Lions Eye Research Institute of Northern Alberta and presenter and multiple forums and conventions.

In recognition of her service to the association, Past Director Hill has received numerous awards, including multiple Club President's Appreciation Awards, District Lion of the Year, an Extension Award, induction into the Multiple District 37 Hall of Fame, several District Governor's Certificates of Appreciation, five International President's Certificates of Appreciation and an International President's Medal. She is also a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellow, Denise and Jack Isaman Fellow and a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Past Director Hill is active in numerous professional and community organizations. She is a member of the Psychologists Association of Alberta, the Canadian Psychological Association and the Community League. In the past, she served as president of the Alberta Association of Psychologists and the Association of Canadian Educators of the Hearing Impaired.

Past Director Hill and her husband, Gregory Holmes, also a Lion, have two children.

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**Lions Clubs International District 105D 45th Annual Convention
Wokefield Park, Mortimer, Reading RG7 3AE**

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5	Ceremony of the Flags and Anthems		
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13	Introduction of other Distinguished Guests - District Governor Lion Judith Goodchild		
14	Remembrance Ceremony – 1 st Vice District Governor Lion Brigid Hendy		
15	Lighting of Remembrance Candle – DG Lion Judith Goodchild, 1 st VDG Lion Brigid Hendy and 2 nd VDG Lion Ron Twining		
16	Vote of thanks to all involved in the Opening Ceremony - DG Lion Judith Goodchild		
17	Distinguished Guests escorted from the platform.		
18	Doors open for partners and guests to depart. You are welcome to stay if you wish.		
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26	Resolution No 1: Amendments to the District 105D Standing Orders - Proposed by DO Lion David Merchant and Seconded by PDG Lion Godwin Micallef on behalf of the District Cabinet	Blue	1
27	Nomination for District Governor 2010-2011 Lion Brigid Hendy - Lions Club of Burnham (Bucks) Introduced by the District Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer, DO Lion David Merchant	Green White	10 11
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34	Introduction of Past International Director Lion Dr. Patti Hill – DG Lion Judith Goodchild		
35	Convention Address - Past International Director Lion Dr. Patti Hill		
36	Vote of thanks to Past International Director Lion Patti Hill – PID Lion Philip Daubeney		
37	<p>Presentation and Adoption of reports by Region Chairmen and Specialist Officers (En bloc)</p> <p>Finance Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee Finance: IPDG Lion Roger Huntley (Chairman), District Treasurer Lion Linda Picton, PDG Lion Pat Nixon PDG Lion Godwin Micallef, 1st VDG Lion Brigid Hendy, 2nd VDG Lion Ron Twining .</p> <p>Long Range Planning: IPDG Lion Roger Huntley (Chairman), 1st VDG Lion Brigid Hendy, 2nd VDG Lion Ron Twining , PDG Lion Pat Nixon, PDG Lion Mike Hendy, PDG Lion Derek Knight, DO Lion John Apps, DO Lion Ian Cuthbert, RC Lion Marilyn Skennerton, PDG Lion Godwin Micallef (Secretary).</p> <p>District Almoners Report - DO Lion Eric Nixon</p> <p>Region and Zone Chairmen Reports Region 1: RC Lion Derick Smith, ZC Lions John Cake, Mike Bartlett. Region 2: RC Lion Yorky Tuke, ZC Lions Alan Chapman, Bill Wyatt, Peter Steeples. Region 3: RC Lion Marilyn Skennerton, ZC Lions Doreen Norton, Pauline McCreanor, Mike Brown. Region 4: RC Lion Roger Munday, ZC Lions John Ormiston, Martin Slatford, Christine Munday. Region 5: RC PDG Lion Mike Hendy, ZC Lions Iain Pudney, Mike Hendy.</p> <p>MERL Team Reports 1ST VDG Lion Brigid Hendy - Chairman DO Lion Ian Cuthbert - Membership, Extension & Club Development Chairman Membership Team: RC Lions Derick Smith, Yorky Tuke, Marilyn Skennerton, Roger Munday, Mike Hendy, DO's Lions Mick Turner, Mike Collen. DO Lion Graham Drayton - Leadership & Training Chairman. PDG Lion Mike Hendy - District Training Officer DO Lion Devan Kandiah - District Training Officer. 2ND VDG Lion Ron Twining - District Reports Officer. PDG Lion Godwin Micallef (Secretary)</p> <p>Youth Team Reports DO Lion Ann Twining – Committee Chairman and Youth Exchange Officer PDG Lion Pat Nixon – Education & Schools Liaison Officer DO Lion John Apps - District Leo Officer, Youth Environment Poetry and New Projects Competitions Officer DO Lion Alan Chapman - Life Skills Officer. DO Lion Don Crabtree – Youth Football Officer DO Lion Richard High - Young Ambassador Award DO Lion Frances Bond - Peace Poster Officer</p> <p>Communications Team Reports DO Lion Peter Garlick – Committee Chairman. District Newsletter, Lion Magazine Sub Editor & District Printing Officer DO Lion Tom Sayers - IT Officer & Webmaster DO Lion Chris Stevens - Assistant IT Officer & Webmaster DO Lion Doris Hayes - Competitions Officer DO Lion Peter Burnett - Health & Safety Officer. DO Lion Jo Hamblin - Insurance Advisor DO Lion David Taylor - Marketing & PR Chairman Marketing & PR Team: Region 1 - Lion Ernie Keene, Region 2 - Lion David Taylor, Region 3 - Lion Reg Norton, Region 4 – Lion Richard Keeley, Region 5 - Lion Clive Doyle DO Lion David Merchant - Vulnerable Persons Officer</p> <p>Community Services Team Reports DO Lion Reg Norton -Committee Chairman and Environment Officer DO Lion Richard Fulstow - Diabetes PDG Lion Barrie Richardson - Cultural Affaires, Music Competition. DO Lion Iain Pudney - Message in a Bottle Officer. DO Lion Jim Godden - Physical and Learning Disabilities Officer PDG Lion Patrick Hamblin - Sight Officer. DO Lion Lynden McIntyre - Speech, Hearing & Medic Alert Officer.</p> <p>International Relations Committee Reports PDG Lion Vic Smith - Committee Chairman and DentaId Chairman PCC Lion Jeff Byers - International Relations, Twinning and UN PDG Lion Barrie Richardson - Europa Forum DO Lion Ian Puttock. – LCIF and Gift for Living</p>	<p>White 16</p> <p>White 17</p> <p>White 17</p> <p>White 18-23</p> <p>White 24-25</p> <p>White 26-28</p> <p>White 29-31</p> <p>White 32-34</p> <p>White 35-38</p>	

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40	Resolution No 6 Proposal to submit a resolution to MD Convention to put in place Monitoring Procedures carried out by the “Disbanded” Management Committee – Lions Club of Blackmore Vale	Blue	5
41	Resolution No 7 Proposal to submit a resolution to MD Convention re costs – Lions Club of Blackmore Vale	Blue	5
42	Attendance Reports & Announcements - District Sergeant at Arms Lion Travis McCall		
43	Close of First Business Session		
	BALLOT BOXES OPEN UNTIL 14:00 FOR ELECTIONS OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2010-11 1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2010-11 AND 2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2010-11		
44	Delegates move to Convention Workshops – DO Lion Graham Drayton		
45	Adjournment for Lunch 13:00 – 13:55		
46	Delegates move to Convention Workshops 13:55 – DO Lion Graham Drayton		
47	Reconvene Convention & Call to Order 14:30 - District Sergeant at Arms Lion Travis McCall		
48	Announcements - District Sergeant at Arms Lion Travis McCall		
49	Introduction of Mr Ian Murdoch Moorfields Eye Hospital – PDG Lion Patrick Hamblin		
50	Keynote Speech by Mr Ian Murdoch MD, MSc, FRC, Ophth		
51	Vote of thanks to Mr Ian Murdoch Moorfields Eye Hospital – DO Lion Ian Puttock		
52	<p>Presentation of Awards for the District Competitions, introduced by DO Lion Doris Hayes with DO Lion Graham Drayton</p> <p>Lions International Sight Savers Awards – Presented to Lions Clubs in recognition of their support for ‘Comprehensive Eye Services’ over several years, (formerly known as ‘Eye Camps’). There are 4 Patches – Bronze 10 X £250 funded; Silver 20 X £250 funded; Gold 40 X £250 funded and Diamond 75 X £250 funded.</p> <p>Bill Field Sight Cup – Presented to a Zone, Lions Club or individual member of a Lions club for particular effort in a sight related area.</p> <p>Godwin Micallef Peace Poster Award – Lions Clubs International Competition, ages 11 to 13 years Presented to the Club whose candidate won the District Peace Poster Competition.</p> <p>Bill Smith Memorial Peace Poster Trophy – District 105D competition ages 9 to 10 years.</p> <p>Bill Smith Memorial Peace Poster Trophy – District 105D competition ages 7 to 8 years.</p> <p>Bill Smith Memorial Peace Poster Trophy – For Computer aided design.</p> <p>Club Magazine Award – There are three criteria used for the selection of the top Club Magazine award: Interest and Topicality, Layout and Presentation, Regular Publication.</p> <p>Club Scrapbook Competition – Presented for the club Scrapbook that showed, the most variety and volume of media and other coverage over the year, whilst maintaining an attractive and appealing presentation.</p> <p>Peter Allen Environmental Photo Competition – Presented to an individual member of a Lions Club for particular effort in the Environmental Photo Competition.</p> <p>Leo Plumley Award - Presented to the Lions Club or Zone who have made a significant contribution to the well being of those within our society with Physical and Learning disabilities.</p> <p>John Greenaway International Award – Presented to the Lions Club or Zone most involved with Lions International Projects.</p> <p>Colin Rickman Youth Project Award – Presented to the Lions Club who has made the greatest contribution with support and sponsorship in all aspects of Youth in the community, whether this be a Lions International initiative, Scouting or other Community and Social Projects.</p>		

52	<p>Blackmore Vale Cheese – Presented to the Lions Club, which made the best contribution to encourage and support the Lions Youth Exchange Programme, either by hosting visitors or by sponsoring young people on overseas visits.</p> <p>Youth Football Shield – Presented to the winning team in the 105D District Football Competition.</p> <p>Ian Birch Membership Award – Presented to the Lions Club or Zone that has made the greatest effort to increase Lion Membership (this is not necessarily the club with the largest membership).</p> <p>Barrie Richardson Travelling Lion Award – Awarded to the Lions Club gaining the most points for visiting other Lions Clubs, wherever they may be, District, Region and Zone organised events.</p> <p>Club Website Award – Presented to the Lions Club with the best Website.</p>		
53	Partners rejoin Convention.		
54	Introduction of & Presentation by the District Young Ambassador Winner – DO Lion Richard High		
55	Youth Poetry Competition – DO Lion John Apps		
56	Introduction of & Performance by District Music Competition winner – PDG Lion Barrie Richardson		
57	Announcement of Results of the Ballot for DG and 1st and 2nd VDG 2010 – 2011 -DG Lion Judith Goodchild		
58	2nd Vice District Governor (Elect) to address Convention		
59	1st Vice District Governor (Elect) to address Convention		
60	District Governor (Elect) to address Convention		
61	Call for Nominations of Host Club for the 2012 District Convention - Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer - DO Lion David Merchant		
62	Presentation of Host Committee 2009 – 2010 District Convention Business Manager - DO Lion Barry Kemp		
63	Presentation of Host Committee 2010– 2011 District Convention Business Manager, DO Lion Barry Kemp		
64	Invite International Guest's Partner and DG's Partner on Stage - DG Lion Judith Goodchild		
65	Invite DG (E) and VDG's(E) and Partners on Stage - DG Lion Judith Goodchild		
66	District Governor's Presentations - DG Lion Judith Goodchild		
67	Summary of the Day - Past International Director Lion Dr. Patti Hill		
68	Presentation to International Guest Past International Director Lion Dr. Patti Hill- DG Lion Judith Goodchild		
69	Any other essential or relevant business - DG Lion Judith Goodchild		
70	Announcements - District Sergeant at Arms - Lion Travis McCall		
71	Tailtwister - Who?		
72	Presentation of Convention Flag to Host Committee Chairman 2011 - DG Lion Judith Goodchild		
73	Closing Ceremony - All		
74	Close of 45th Annual Convention of Lions Clubs International, District 105D		

**MINUTES OF 44th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF DISTRICT 105D
HELD AT NORTON GRANGE, YARMOUTH, ISLE OF WIGHT
ON SATURDAY 21st MARCH 2009**

1. Call to Order

The Annual Convention of District 105D was called to order at 9.15 am by District Sergeant at Arms Lion Travis McCall.

2. **The Health & Safety Briefing** was carried out by Lion Peter Burnett, Health & Safety Officer.
3. **Introduction and receive District Governor Lion Roger Huntley and Lion Ann Huntley** by District Sergeant at Arms Lion Travis McCall.
4. The **Escort of Distinguished Guests to the platform** were introduced by the SAA:-
Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the Isle of Wight, Major General Martin Spencer White CB CBE JP escorted by VDG Lion Judith Goodchild, **The Chairman of the Isle of Wight Council, Councillor Arthur Taylor** escorted by Region Chairman Lion Derick Smith, **Past International Director Lion Ronal (Ron) Luxton and Janet Luxton (NZ)** escorted by IPDG Lion Pat Nixon, **Past International Director Lion Philip Daubeney and Lion Rita** escorted by DO Lion Barry Kemp.
5. The **Ceremony of the Flags and Anthems** was presided over by District Governor Lion Roger Huntley.
6. **The Invocation** was conducted by Region Chairman Lion Richard Smith.
7. **The Lions Clubs International Purposes** were read by Region Chairman Lion Roger Munday.
8. **The Lions Clubs International Code of Ethics** was read by Region Chairman Lion Marilyn Skennerton.
9. **Lion District Governor Roger Huntley** welcomed the Chairman of the Isle of Wight Council, Councillor Arthur Taylor.
10. Councillor Arthur Taylor welcomed everyone to the Isle of Wight and wished us a successful and rewarding Convention.
11. **The vote of thanks** to Cllr Arthur Taylor was given by Zone Chairman Lion Pauline McCreanor.
12. **Lion District Governor Roger Huntley** then welcomed Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of the Isle of Wight, Major General Martin Spencer White CB CBE JP and asked him to officially open the 44th 105D Convention.
13. **Official opening of Convention by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the Isle of Wight, Major General Martin Spencer White CB CBE JP**
The Lord Lieutenant welcomed everyone to the Island. He also welcomed PID Lion Ron Luxton as a citizen of the other Country who plays Rugby, as the Scots will find out!
He explained that his main role was to support the Voluntary Sector / Charities and that without them we would be in a sorry state. He has had a number of interactions with Lions Clubs worldwide and had tried the Baby Boomer quiz, on the LCI web site, and failed! He then formally opened the Convention.
14. **The Vote of Thanks to Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant** was carried out by Region Chairman Lion Yorke Tuke.
15. **Special Messages:** Sergeant at Arms Lion Travis McCall read a message received from Buckingham Palace, expressing the good wishes of HM The Queen for an enjoyable Convention and her thanks to the District Governor and all the Lions of 105D for the message of Loyal Greetings, which had been sent to her.
16. **DG Lion Roger Huntley** then welcomed the following and asked them to stand and be recognised:-
 - * International guest PID Lion Ron Luxton and his wife Janet.
 - * PID Lion Philip Daubeney and Lion Rita.
 - * DG (105A) Lion Vijay Arora and her husband Krishan.
 - * All Past Council Chairmen and Past District Governors in 105D.
 - * All PDG's visiting from other Districts.
 - * All Cabinet Officers.
 - * All Club Presidents.
 - * Members attending Convention for the first time.
 - * Any New Lions who have joined since the last Convention.
 - * Anyone who had a Birthday this weekend.
 - * And finally, anyone else who had not been called so far!.

He presented his personal friendship and District 105D banners to the Lord Lieutenant and the Chairman of the IOW Council.

17. **The Remembrance Ceremony** was conducted by VDG Lion Judith Goodchild, all in attendance were asked to stand in silence in remembrance of:

Lion Ian Bevis	Portsmouth Lions	26-03-2008
PDG Lion David Flint	ex Petersfield L.C.	12-05-2008
Lion Ian Corpack	Westbury L.C.	05-2008
Lion Robert Barham	Crofton L.C.	26-05-2008
PDG Lion Bernard Bloodworth	Sherborne L.C.	30-05-2008
Lion Peter Taylor	Wokingham L.C.	3-07-2008
Lion Joan Blofield	Woolmer Forest	08-2008
Lion Joe Burr	Loddon Valley	11-10-2008
Lion President Misty Morgan	Blandford Forum	4-11-2008
Lion Eddie Cook	Havant	2-12-2008
Lion Bert Prior	Fareham	17-12-2008
Lion Roy Fleetwood	Christchurch LC	23-12-2008
Lion Keith Binney	Portsmouth LC	27-12-2008.
Lion Roy Tranter	Reading LC	29-12-2008
Lion Alan Langley	Blandford Forum LC	23-01-2009
Lion Deryck Wyatt	Woolmer Forest LC	04-12-2008
Lion Pat Young	Wimborne & Ferndown LC	01-03-2009
Lion Paul Lucas	Westbury Lions	13-03-2009
Lion Gina Manfield	Cosham Lions	13-3-2009
Lion Peter Ridley	Guernsey Lions	08-03-2009
Lion David Gibson	Blackmore Vale Lions	19-03-2009

who had all passed to higher service, since the last District Convention.

This silence was followed by the Last post.

18. **A candle** was then lit by PDG Lion Ernie Howard in remembrance of all those who had all passed to higher service, since the Last District Convention.

19. **District Governor Lion Roger Huntley** thanked all those involved in the opening ceremony and especially the Lord Lieutenant and the Chairman of the IOW Council for attending. He also thanked the Medina Marching Band, for the Music, and the Cowes Sea Cadets for the Flag Ceremony.

20. **The distinguished guests** were escorted from the platform.

21. Doors open for partners and guests to depart.

There was a brief adjournment while partners departed for their outing.

22. **The Convention Business Session** was called to order by District Sergeant at Arms Travis McCall.

23. **Convention Standing Orders** were invoked by DG Lion Roger Huntley.

24. **Attendance Report:** District Sergeant at Arms Travis McCall reported that 76 Delegates and 2 Alternates, representing 44 clubs had registered for voting purposes.

25. **The Minutes of the 43rd District Convention** were drawn to the attention of the delegates. It was proposed by Zone Chairman Lion Jim Godden (Sherborne), seconded by Region Chairman Lion Richard Smith (Burnham) that the minutes be accepted as a true record. The motion was **Carried**. There were no matters arising.

26. **Report of Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer** was presented by CNRO Lion John Goodchild.

The report was proposed by PID Lion Philip Daubeny (Jersey) and seconded by VDG Lion Judith Goodchild (Hook & Odiham). The motion was **Carried**.

27. **Business and Voting Procedures** were outlined by CNRO Lion John Goodchild who declared that there was a quorum and that Convention could legally proceed. Delegates wishing to speak were asked to use a microphone and announce their name and Club. The address would be 'DG Roger and my fellow Lions', which had been previously agreed with PID Lion Ron Luxton.

Voting would be by delegate card and CNRO John said three resolutions had been submitted.

Resolutions 1 and 2 would require a simple majority but Resolution 3 would require a 2/3 majority as they sought to amend the Constitution. CNRO John said that no Emergency Resolutions had been tabled and that no Club had made an offer to host the 2011 District Convention.

He also said PID Philip Daubeney would be conducting the voting process, as it was not appropriate for him to do it.

DG (105A) Lion Vijay Arora and MD Secretary PDG Lion Evan Jones would check the results.

The **Voting Procedures** were outlined by PID Philip Daubeney. There would be a secret written ballot. The ballot boxes were open and, due to the new position of a Second Vice District Governor, the ballot for the First Vice District Governor would take place at approx.11:15 a.m. The result would be made available before lunch.

For the DG and the Second Vice District Governor, the ballots will take place during the lunchtime adjournment and the boxes would be closed at 14.00 hours. Each Candidate had 5 minutes for their presentations.

28. **Nominations for District Governor 2009/2010:** Lion PID Philip Daubeney announced that only one nomination had been received, this being for Lion Judith Goodchild (Hook & Odiham), proposed by the Lions Club of Hook & Odiham (Lion Bryan Hailstone) and seconded by the Lions Club of Reading (PDG Lion Patrick Hamblin). Both made a brief presentation in support of Lion Judith, who then addressed Convention.

29. **Resolution No. 3: Amendments to the District Constitution:** PCC Lion John Goodchild explained that the Constitution had to be changed due to the requirement to have a Second Vice District Governor.

The changes had to be agreed by Convention, in order for the voting to take place.

The proposal was made, on behalf of the Cabinet, by PCC Lion John Goodchild and seconded by District Secretary Lion Godwin Micallef.

During debate, Lion John Slater (Maidenhead) questioned why it couldn't wait for another year in order to evaluate the requirement. PCC John responded that we have to formally adopt the changes, already made to the International Constitution, as that would be the default anyway.

PID Ron Luxton added that if we did not elect a VDG2, LCI would appoint one of their choice.

The resolution was carried with 12 votes against.

30. **Nominations for First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor 2009/2010:** PID Lion Philip Daubeney announced that two nominations had been received for both positions.

Those being for Lion Ron Twining (Sandown and Shanklin), proposed by the Lions Club of Sandown and Shanklin (Lion Barry Kemp) and seconded by the Lions Club of Ringwood & Fordingbridge (Lion President Yorky Tuke) and Lion Brigid Hendy (Burnham), proposed by the Lions Club of Burnham (Lion President Steve Spencer) and seconded by the Lions Club of Fleet (Lion President Jim Storey) who gave brief presentations on behalf of Lions Ron and Brigid. Both candidates addressed Convention.

PID Philip explained that, as both candidates were standing for both positions, we would have to vote for the First Vice District Governor immediately and the unsuccessful candidate would then be the candidate for the position of Second Vice District Governor.

31. **Adjournment, ballot boxes open for election of First Vice District Governor 2009-2010:** A short break was taken to facilitate the voting for VDG1.

32. **Call to order:** The meeting was called back to order by District Sergeant at Arms Travis McCall.

33. **Report of Immediate Past District Governor Pat Nixon:** IPDG Lion Pat said her report was as published. she thanked everyone who had made her year so special and said that she had been presented with a District Governor's 100% medal at the PDG Lunch. This could not have happened without everyone's support.

She also mentioned that during her year as DG, she was unsuccessful in obtaining a Leadership Medal to be presented at her Convention. That decision had now been reversed and she had pleasure in awarding it to Lion Reg Norton today.

The report was proposed by IPDG Lion Pat Nixon and seconded by Region Chairman Lion PDG Richard Smith (Burnham) that the report, as published in the Convention brochure, be adopted. **Carried.**

34. **Report of the District Secretary:** PDG Lion Godwin Micallef said that his report was as published in Convention papers. It was proposed by DO Lion George Jeremiah (Christchurch) and seconded by Region Chairman Lion Derick Smith (Wimborne & Ferndown) that the report be adopted. **Carried.**

PID Ron Luxton then presented Lion Godwin Micallef with an International Presidents Certificate of Commendation.

35. **Report of the District Treasurer:** Lion Linda Picton said her report was as tabled.

It was proposed by IPCC Lion Jeff Byers (Bournemouth) and seconded by Region Chairman Lion Richard Smith (Burnham) that the report be adopted. **Carried.**

36. **Resolutions.**

Resolution 1 The resolution that this Convention resolves that “that Messrs Gilroy & Brooks of Alton, be sincerely thanked for their services to the District in the past and that they may be, and the same hereby, re-appointed as Auditor for the year” was proposed by DT Linda Picton on behalf of Cabinet, seconded by IPDG Pat Nixon and **Carried.**

Resolution 2 The resolution that this Convention resolves that Convention resolves that “The District Per Capita Levy for the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 shall be in the sum of £9.00p per Lion. This shall be payable in two equal instalments - £4.50p per Lion by 1 August 2009 based upon the known membership as at 30 June 2009 and £4.50p per Lion by 1 February 2010 based upon the known membership as at 31 December 2009” was proposed by the District Treasurer on behalf of Cabinet, seconded by IPDG Lion Pat Nixon and **Carried**. DG Lion Roger Huntley presented DT Lion Linda with a DG’s Certificate of Appreciation.

37. **Finance and LRPC Reports**

Report of the Finance Committee: IPDG Lion Pat Nixon introduced the members of the Finance Committee and thanked them for their hard work. IPDG Lion Pat said that the Finance Committee report was as published.

It was proposed by IPDG Lion Pat Nixon and seconded by PDG Lion Mike Hendy. **Carried**.

Report of the Future Planning Committee: IPDG Lion Pat Nixon introduced the members of the Future Planning Committee and thanked them for their hard work. IPDG Pat said that the Future Planning Committee report was as published and thanked the members for their efforts.

It was proposed by IPDG Lion Pat Nixon and seconded by PDG Lion Mike Hendy. **Carried**.

38. District Almoners Report: PDG Lion Ernie Howard said that his report was as written.

It was proposed by PDG Lion Ernie Howard (Fareham) and seconded by Lion Henry Cuff (Blandford Forum) Lion David Birt (Blackmore Vale) queried why one of their deceased members from a year ago, has yet to appear on the web site. PDG Ernie said that he would discuss this with the District IT Officer.

39. Region and Zone Chairmen Reports: DG Roger asked the Region Chairmen and Zone Chairmen to stand and be recognised. The reports were as published in the Convention Brochure and the reports would be voted on, en bloc.

DO Lion Alan Chapman was thanked for taking over the role of Zone 2C chairman, in addition to his other role.

DG Roger presented Lion Alan with a District Governors Certificate of Appreciation.

The reports were proposed by Region Chairman Lion Yorke Tuke (Ringwood & Fordingbridge) and seconded by DO Doris Hayes (Hart) that the reports be adopted. **Carried**.

40. MERL Reports: VDG Lion Judith Goodchild asked the team to stand and be recognised. VDG Judith said the reports were as published with one update. DO Lion Ian Cuthbert stated that the membership was 1383 which was 2 below from the start of the year.

It was proposed by VDG Lion Judith Goodchild (Hook & Odiham) and seconded by Region Chairman Lion Yorke Tuke (Ringwood & Fordingbridge) that the report be adopted. **Carried**.

At this point, DG Lion Roger Huntley announced that the winner of the Ballot for VDG1 was Lion Brigid Hendy (Burnham). Lion Ron Twining (Sandown & Shanklin) would now be the only candidate for the position of VDG2. Voting for this position will take place during lunch. Convention agreed to destroy the Ballot Papers.

41. International Relations Committee Reports: DO: George Jeremiah asked the team to stand and be recognised and said that the reports were as published with one update. Ten Clubs in our District had donated £2,450 towards the Australian Fire Disaster appeal. LCIF had given an initial Emergency grant of \$10,000 with a further donation of \$100,000.

It was proposed by DO George Jeremiah (Christchurch) and seconded by DO Lion Don Crabtree (Wimborne & Ferndown) that the reports be adopted. **Carried**.

During debate, DO Lion John Apps queried that our first ‘Purposes’ was no longer “To create and Foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the World”. PID Ron Luxton stated that he wasn’t aware that the Purposes had changed until 2 weeks ago in Bristol. The Purposes were changed some 2 years ago.

Lion David Birt (Blackmore Vale) said that, historically, his Club had supported the Malwi Education project but they have not received any feedback reports for a few years. DO Lion George Jeremiah said that they had stopped sending reports but we are assured that the money is going to the right student.

42. Youth Team Reports: DO Lion Anne Twining asked the team to stand and be recognised, and said the reports were as published in the Convention papers.

It was proposed by DO Lion Anne Twining (Sandown & Shanklin) and seconded by DO Lion Don Crabtree (Wimborne & Ferndown) that the reports be adopted. **Carried**.

During debate, Lion Marilyn Robson (Hart) questioned why we continued supporting Youth projects that are not supported by the Clubs. E.g. the Football Competition. DO Lion Don Crabtree responded by saying that we had 2 teams this year. In other Districts, they achieve much higher number of teams.

Marilyn Skennerton (Hayling Island) said that Teams in her area are over committed, not apathy towards the competition. A number of Youth Competitions need to be reviewed.

VDG Lion Judith Goodchild said that Cabinet had already decided to look at new Competitions. E.g. Environment and Poetry.

MD Secretary Lion Evan Jones said that our Football competition is recognised by UEFA.

DO Lion John Apps summed up by asking Lions to visit the Youth Team display and complete the questionnaire.

DG Lion Roger Huntley thanked DO Lion John Apps and presented him with a DG's Certificate of Appreciation, for his efforts in organising the Youth Camp. District A was also thanked for their support.

DG Lion Roger Huntley presented DO Lion Don Crabtree with a DG's Certificate of Appreciation for all his work towards the District Football and Young Ambassador competitions, despite ill health.

43. Communications Team Reports: DO Lion David Taylor presented the reports on behalf of Chris Stevens, who was unable to attend. He said that there was one update, which related to the PR information sent out in the January District Mailing. MDHQ have done a lot of work re the new Brand image and have produced a number of PR material with the new logos etc. e.g. Leaflets and Banners. Clubs could order these items and have them tailored to their Club's requirements. He gave an example of how his Club, GMS, had ordered two pop-up Banners, which arrived in a week at a cost of £172, plus P&P. The Banners had his Club name and their 0845 telephone numbers printed on them.

The reports were proposed by DO Lion David Taylor and seconded by DO Lion Peter Burnett (Wimborne & Ferndown) that the report be adopted. **Carried.**

During debate, Competitions Officer Lion Doris Hayes said that the Competitions were badly supported this year and asked why?

DO Lion Brigid Hendy (Burnham) said that MDHQ do a brilliant job in promoting our Brand image.

Lion President Peter Oswick (Blackmore Vale) asked if there was a cost to the Clubs for help with PR.

DO Lion David Taylor replied that there is no cost for help from District Officers, but there will be costs in purchasing Banners etc.

DG Lion Roger Huntley presented DO Peter Garlick with a DG's Certificate of Appreciation for all his District and Convention work.

44. Community Services Team Reports: DO Lion Eric Nixon asked the Team to stand and be recognised and said that his report was as written. He further stated that his Team contained the most important specialist projects which all go towards supporting our Communities.

The reports were proposed by DO Lion Eric Nixon (Fareham) and seconded by DO Lion David Merchant (Newbury). **Carried.**

DO Lion Reg Norton said that he still had 250 eco bags for sale at 95 pence each.

This was queried by one Club, who had not received their original order.

45. Attendance reports & Announcements: District Sergeant at Arms Travis McCall reported that 78 Delegates and 2 Alternates, representing 45 clubs had registered for voting purposes. He had also received a number of cards wishing the DG a successful Convention.

DG Lion Roger Huntley asked Lion Rita Webb (Gosport & Lee on Solent) and her husband Peter to stand a be recognised as it was their 50th wedding Anniversary

46. Tail twister: Lion Christine Munday, and her Team of Hart Ladies) fined numerous lions for alleged transgressions.

As there was some spare time available before lunch, DG Lion Roger Huntley decided to have an 'Open Forum' where the following were debated:-

- * DO Lion David Taylor (GMS) had bought 50 Eco bags and said that it was cheaper than advertising. He also mentioned that Rotary have all their printing done at a central location and this is what lions are trying to achieve.
- * District Treasurer Lion Linda Picton (Hart) requested that Clubs pay their invoices on time in order to send the payment to LCI. Unfortunately, LCI are sending out Invoices some 5 days later, despite having changed to Calendar month-end. This results in fluctuations in the amount received due to exchange rate changes. She will take this up LCI.
- * Lion President Steven Spencer (Burnham) said his Club are concerned over conditions in Haiti and the only contact he can make is with a Leos Club there. LCIF has not offered any assistance to Haiti.

* IPCC Lion Jeff Byers asked PID Lion Ron Luxton what the process is for appointment for 2nd Vice International President. PID Ron said that any PID is eligible for election as 2nd Vice International President, subject to their District/MD endorsement. International Officers interview possible candidates and the Board endorses a possible candidate.
This year, Dr. Tam Wing Kun (Hong Kong) has been selected due to the impact in China. PID Ron Luxton is the back-up candidate. Anyone that stands against the preferred candidate is wasting their time. PID Lion Ron Luxton is the to remain a candidate for the next available slot.

47. DG Lion Roger Huntley then adjourned Convention for lunch.

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48. **Reconvene Convention:** was called to order by District Sergeant at Arms, Travis McCall.

49. **Announcements:** District Sergeant at Arms, Travis McCall reported that there were 78 Delegates and 2 Alternates, representing 45 clubs

50. **Presentation by Lions Sight Savers:** PDG Lion Patrick Hamblin, who is a permanent Trustee of Sight Savers, reported that Clubs have donated £1.1 million, in the last 10 years, to Sight Savers International. He introduced PCC Lion David Firth, another permanent Trustee of Sight Savers, who was to give a presentation on 'Seeing is Believing'. Lions Patrick and David had recently visited the Cameroon to see how Sight Savers were operating there. They said that the people in Cameroon were wonderful people, happily living in poverty. If they worked, they would earn about \$1 per day.

The 'Seeing is Believing' presentation was then shown to Convention

51. **Presentation of Awards for the District Competitions:** DO Lion Doris Hayes announced the following winners:-

Lions International Sight Savers Award – A Gold Patch was awarded to Warminster.

Bill Field Sight Cup – Blackmore Vale.

Godwin Micallef Peace Poster Award – ages 11 to 13 years – awarded to Wokingham for their candidate Meg Stratton.

Bill Smith Memorial Peace Poster Trophy – ages 9 to 10 years – Jonathan Hardy: submitted by Blackmore Vale.

Bill Smith Memorial Peace Poster Trophy –ages 7 to 8 years – Chloe Parry: submitted by Blackmore Vale

Bill Smith Memorial Peace Poster Trophy – For Computer aided design. No entries.

Club Magazine Award – Jersey.

Club Scrapbook Competition – was shared between Christchurch and Hart.

Peter Allen Environmental Photo Competition – Lion Clive Mitson, Petersfield.

Leo Plumley Award - Hart

John Greenaway International Award – Hart.

Colin Rickman Youth Project Award – Wimborne & Ferndown

Blackmore Vale Cheese – New Milton

Youth Football Shield – Wokingham

Ian Birch Membership Award – was shared between Henley-on-Thames and Hook & Odiham.

Barrie Richardson Travelling Lion Award – Eastleigh.

Club Website Award – Yateley

Young Ambassador - Jersey

52. **Presentation by Dentaïd:** PDG Vic Smith introduced Andy Jong, CEO of Dentaïd, who joined them in August 2008. Andy Jong gave a presentation on the work carried out by Dentaïd and has presented a number of patches to Clubs who have supported the project.

53. **Partners rejoined Convention.**

54. **Introduction & Presentation by the District Young Ambassador Winner:** DO Lion Don Crabtree introduced Hannah Johnson, from Jersey, who had also won the MD Competition. The last time our District won the MD Competition was some 26 years ago and it was also Jersey then.

Hannah presented her projects and activities that made her such a successful winner.

DG Lion Roger Huntley presented Hannah with his personal and District Banners.

55. **Music Competition:** PDG Lion Barrie Richardson thanked everyone for their cards and well wishes, whilst he was ill. He said that, unfortunately, our District did not have any candidates for the second year running.

He hoped that next year we would have candidates and the instrument will be the Classical Guitar with the European finals in Italy. In 2011 it will be the Saxophone and the competition will be in Holland.

DG Roger also presented PDG Lion Barrie Richardson with a 100% Excellence Award.
DG Roger also presented PDG Vic Smith with a 100% Excellence Award.

56. **Ballots for appointment of District Governor and Second Vice District Governor:** DG Lion Roger Huntley announced the results of the ballots held earlier in the day:

- District Governor for 2009/2010 Lion Judith Goodchild (Hook and Odiham)
- Second Vice-District Governor for 2009/2010 Lion Ron Twining (Sandown & Shanklin)

The Ballot for First Vice District Governor had been previously announced.

DG Roger thanked the scrutineers DG Lion ViJay Arora and PDG Lion Evan Jones.

Convention voted unanimously to allow the ballot papers to be destroyed.

57. **2nd Vice Governor Elect:** Lion Ron Twining thanked everyone for their support and looked forward to being DG in 2 years time.

58. **1st Vice District Governor Elect:** Lion Brigid Hendy thanked everyone for their support and thanked her parents who instilled a passion for volunteerism. She also thanked her Husband Mike.

59. **DG Elect:** Lion Judith Goodchild was nervous and excited for being voted in and she looked forward to working with the 2 Vice Governors. She mentioned that membership was a problem and we need a strong membership team to take us forward. We need to change our ways to attract members and consider the costs of being Lions, which deter some potential members. E.g. the costs of Socials are becoming too expensive – consider other alternatives. She thanked everyone for their support and also the Clubs Hook & Odiham and Reading for supporting her, and of course, her husband John.

60. **Invitations for Convention Host Club 2011:** Lion Steve Spencer (Burnham) said that Burnham and Bracknell Forest would be prepared to host the 2011 Convention and that work had already started. The offer, for Cabinet review, was accepted.

61. **Presentation of Host Committee 2008 - 2009:** District Convention Chairman, Lion Barry Kemp introduced the Chairman of the Host Committee, DO Lion Ron Twining, who was joined by the all members of his team.

DG Lion Roger Huntley thanked the Host Committee for all their hard work and presented a DG's Certificate of Appreciation.

62. **Introduction of the International Guest:** PID Lion Philip Daubeney said he was delighted to be able to introduce PID Lion Ron Luxton. He said it had been nice to meet PID Lion Ron Luxton and, whilst on holiday in New Zealand, he tried to visit him. Unfortunately, PID Ron had gone away to celebrate his 40th wedding Anniversary!

PID Lion Philip mentioned that PID Lion Ron still couldn't get used to speaking last at Conventions and that he had served 2 years as an International director, 7 years in the DG faculty and was involved in re-Districting New Zealand from 10 Districts to 7.

63 **Convention Address by PID Lion Ron Luxton:** who recited 'Greetings to the Chief of your Tribe' in Maori.

He thanked PID Philip for his very personal introduction he had brought greetings from the International President, Al Brandel, who was arriving in the UK tomorrow. During his speech he said:-

- * He had met a number of MD105 DG's at DG school, in Thailand last year, and found them to be well trained and prepared.
- * He congratulated the District for providing leadership with so many PID's and PCC's.
- * He thanked all Lions for their continued efforts in supporting their Communities.
- * Lions Clubs International is a success story that emanated from one man's vision. Lions like to 'Serve' where they live and Globally. We give 100% and do it ourselves. We want to make the World a better place.
- * Re Membership: the more we are – the more we do. People will join if they consider that what we do is important.
- * The future of LCI is reliant on your will and passion in order to ensure that our Association survives.
- * Try and adapt to the ever changing needs and current environment.

He concluded by thanking us all for our efforts.

64. **Vote of thanks to PID Lion Ron Luxton**

PCC Lion John Goodchild asked 'how do you follow that' and mentioned that PID Lion Philip Daubeney had got there first. PCC John, said the PID Ron has served with Pride, Passion and Professionalism, not only in Lions, but in Medical Boards in New Zealand.

DG Lion Roger Huntley present PID Lion Ron Luxton with his personal and District Banners.

65. **Presentations by the District Governor:**

DG Lion Roger Huntley presented the following:-

- Region Chairman Lion Marilyn Skennerton (Hayling Island) - An International President's Certificate of Appreciation.
- Lion Richard Owen (Warminster) – DG's Certificate of Appreciation.
- Lion Ernie Keene (Wimborne & Ferndown) - DG's Certificate of Appreciation.
- Lion Jill Robbins (New Forest) - DG's Certificate of Appreciation.
- Lion Shirley Sharkey (Sandown & Shanklin) – Excellence Award for Sight Conservation.
- PDG Lion Mike McCreanor (Ryde) – DG's Certificate of Appreciation.

DG Roger mentioned that we used to give a ZC Medal to a Zone Chairman and the award this year went to Zone Chairman Lion Pauline McCreanor (Ryde, IOW).

66. **Presentation of Host Committee 2009 - 2010:** District Convention Chairman, Lion DO Barry Kemp introduced the Host Committee Chairman for Convention 2010 – 10, PDG Fred Massey who, with his Team, 'Sang' their presentation for the 2010 Convention. The theme will be 'diamonds' and the cost will be £165 per person.

67. **Invite International Guests Partner and DG's partner on Stage:** DG Roger invited the partners onto the stage and asked the DG, VDG1 and VDG2 Elects, and their partners, to sit at the front of the stage.

68. **Presentation to International Guest:** DG Roger thanked PID Ron and said that the District will donate £250 to LCIF on his behalf. In addition, DG Roger presented PID Ron and his wife with small personal gifts.

69. **Other Relevant Business:**

DO David Taylor said that, in order to order Banners, you can telephone Leigh on 01384 833844, or email leigh@prepress.co.uk. You can choose what you would like for your Club details.

70. **Announcements:** District Sergeant at Arms announced the procedure for the Dinner that evening.

71. **Tail Twister** Lion Christine Munday, and the Hart ladies, fined numerous Lions for further alleged transgressions.

72. **Presentation of Convention Host flag:** DG Lion Roger Huntley presented the Convention flag to the Chairman of the Convention Host Committee 2010, for safe keeping until the start of that Convention.

73. **Closing Ceremony:** DG Lion Roger Huntley thanked everyone for attending and the ceremony closed with the singing of 'Land of Hope and Glory' followed by the Lions song.

There being no further business, District Governor Roger Huntley declared the 44th Annual Convention of District 105D, **CLOSED** at approx. 5:15 pm.

Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer – Lion David Merchant

Following last year's Convention, the International Office of our Association was advised of the names of the successful candidates in the ballots for District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor for 2009-2010. It was also advised of the substance and results of the voting on the Resolutions considered by Delegates at Convention. The District Constitution was revised in line with the decisions taken at Convention and the revised version was (and continues to be) published on the District Website.

The Convention Call for 2010 was issued by the District Governor in August 2009, together with a call for nominations for the posts of District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor 2010-2011, any Resolutions to be considered at Convention in 2010 and Invitation to host the Convention of 2012. The District Cabinet has accepted a proposal from the Lions Clubs of Burnham and Bracknell Forest to host Convention in 2011 – a proposal made from the floor of Convention in 2009.

By the closing date for receipt of Nominations, Resolutions and Invitations:

- § One Nomination had been received for the post of District Governor 2010-2011
- § One Nomination had been received for the post of First Vice District Governor 2010-2011
- § No Nominations were received for the post of Second Vice District Governor 2010-2011
- § Seven Resolutions had been received for debate at Convention in 2010, 3 proposed and seconded by the District Cabinet and 4 proposed by the Lions Club of Blackmore Vale, seconded by the Lions Club of Westbury.
- § No Invitations were received to host Convention in 2012.

Between the closing date, and the time of compiling this report, one Nomination had been received for the post of Second Vice District Governor 2010-2011; however in line with the District Constitution the District Governor will seek further Nominations, from appropriately qualified Lions, from the floor during Convention.

Details of the above Nominations and Resolutions will be found elsewhere in this Convention Brochure, and I can confirm that all candidates are fully qualified (as defined by the Constitution of our International Association) to stand for the posts for which they have been nominated.

At the time of compiling this report no amendments had been received to the above-mentioned Resolutions, however the closing date for receipt of these by me was not until Friday 8th January 2010.

Lion David Merchant

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 105D

NOMINATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT DISTRICT CONVENTION 2009

FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR – 2010-2011

Lion Brigid Hendy (Lions Club of Burnham)
Nominated by The Lions Club of Burnham
Seconded by The Lions Club of Fleet

FOR FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR – 2010-2011

Lion Ron Twining (Lions Club of Sandown and Shanklin)
Nominated by The Lions Club of Sandown and Shanklin
Seconded by The Lions Club of Ringwood & Fordingbridge

FOR SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR – 2010-2011

None received by the closing date for receipt of Nominations

*NOTE: District 105D Constitution (as adopted March 1984 – with amendments to March 2009)
Article VIII Section 3 reads: “(b) If no such proposed nominations have been received by the
closing date stipulated nominations may be presented from the floor at Convention.”*

*NOTE: District 105D Convention Standing Order 10 reads: "Any elections of candidates for office
shall be by secret written ballot and such elections shall be carried out by the method commonly
called the Single Transferable Vote or Preferential Voting or the Alternative Vote."*

FOR CONVENTION HOST CLUB - 2012

No Invitations submitted

*NOTE: Article VIII Sections 4(c) and 4(d) of District 105D Constitution (as adopted March 1984 - with
amendments to March 2009) read:*

*"(c) If no invitation to host a subsequent Convention is received by the date stipulated, invitations may
be presented from the floor to Convention and may be accepted, but will be subject to Cabinet approval
at their next meeting.*

*(d) If there should be no acceptable invitations whatsoever, it shall be the duty of the next succeeding
Cabinet to arrange the venue of the appropriate Convention at such place within the District and at such
time and by such means as it shall decide."*

Lion Brigid Hendy

Candidate for District Governor 2010/2011

Sponsored by: Lions Club of Burnham

Seconded by: Lions Club of Fleet



Club Offices:

Club President
Club Secretary
Club Director
Welfare/Social/Fund Raising
& Membership Chairman
Tail Twister & Charter
Member

District Offices:

District Vulnerable Persons Officer
District Leadership Chairman
Chairman of MERL Committee
Member of LRPC/Finance
Zone Chairman
1st Vice District Governor

Multiple District Offices:

MD Vulnerable Persons Officer

Lions Awards

Bert Mason Humanitarian Award
International Presidents Medal

Additional Lions experience:

- Managed the District 'Bottoms Up' exercise
- Attended majority of District 105D and MD Conventions since joining Lions
- Attended International Conventions in San Diego, Hawaii and Indianapolis
- Co-facilitated two strategy meetings of the Council of Governors 2007/2008
- Faculty member of the MD105 Emerging Lions Institute (2 years)
- Graduate of MD105 Emerging Lions Institute & LCI Senior Lions Institute
- Delegate LCI Faculty Development Institute November 2009 in Brussels
- Addressed Europa Forum & conventions of MD105, 105BS, 105I, MD Lionesses
- Delegate at European MERL Chairman's Seminar, Finland - September 2009

Personal data:

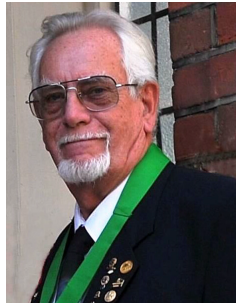
Professionally, I am Matron for the East Berkshire Community Nurses Team for children with Learning Disabilities and manage a team of 15 nurses for community work and Respite Care. I have served as a school governor after 8 years service including 5 years as Chair of the Curriculum Committee. I have also chaired our local Church Pastoral Parish Council for two years. Experience gained in these work and voluntary positions has equipped me fully for the position I now seek. I have been married to Lion Mike for nearly 20 years and supported him throughout his time as VDG and DG in District 105A - he is now giving me 100% support as I seek election to higher offices in Lions in 105D. Our son David has now started University and so the time is right for me to transfer all my energies into fulfilling my ambition to become a District Governor and leading this District. I hope to bring to the role:

- Lots of **FUN** arising from plenty of **FELLOWSHIP** and resulting in a strategic and practical blueprint for the enduring **FUTURE** of this District and our Association
- A positive attitude of '**YES WE CAN**'

My year as 1st Vice District Governor has enabled me to increase my knowledge of the wider organisation and its members in this District by chairing MERL meetings, visiting Zone meetings and also attending training at MD and International level - I am confident that I have the skills and the requisite knowledge to move this District forward in 2010/2011 whilst always valuing and caring for those who elected me.



THE LIONS CLUB of SANDOWN & SHANKLIN
Supported by
THE LIONS CLUB of RINGWOOD & FORDINGBRIDGE
Are proud to nominate
LION RON TWINING
For 1st Vice District Governor – District 105D
2010 – 2011



At Club Level:

Lion Ron joined as a Charter Member of Sandown and Shanklin in 1979. Since then he has been a 100% Lion serving the club at all levels, in various offices and as a Director and Chairman of all major committees. Over the years he has served as Vice President 83/84 93/94 98/99 08/09, as President 84/85, 94/95 99/00 & 09/10 and as Club Secretary from 1992 to 2001. He has served on the Convention Host Club Committee as Chairman 1983 to 1985, Secretary & Booking Treasurer 1991 to 1994 and on the Convention Host Zone Committee as Secretary and Vice Chairman for 4 other island based conventions and was the Host Zone Convention Chairman for the 2009 Convention.

At District Level:

Lion Ron joined the District Cabinet in 1996 as a Zone Chairman and has served on the Cabinet since then as Zone Chairman 96/97 97/98, Region Chairman 98/99, District Youth Exchange Officer 1999 to 2007, District Reports Officer 07/08 08/09, also CSF2 Zone Co-ordinator 06/07 07/08 08/09. He is currently the serving 2nd VDG for 2009/10.

He has recently qualified as a Certified Guiding Lion, and has attended presentation training, also in 2009 he attended and passed the Senior Lions Leadership course. He has also attended many other District training courses.

At Multiple District Level:

Lion Ron has served the MD as the Youth Exchange Coordinator inwards from 2003 to 2009, attending all the required training courses.

Although he was unable to attend on either occasion, Lion Ron was asked to make a presentation at the 2007 International Convention, in Chicago, on Youth Exchange, and also to chair the YEC meeting at Bangkok in 2008.

Attendance:

Lion Ron has attended the majority of district conventions, 7 MD conventions, 4 Europa forums, 6 international YEC conferences (co - chairing 3), including organising the one in England in 2006, and working for the week at the International Convention in Birmingham. He has also attended the majority of MD and district meetings as required.

Awards:

His club made Lion Ron a Melvin Jones Fellow in 1996 and he has also received the following awards: - 100% Presidents Excellence medals in 1995 and 2000, DG certificate of appreciation for service and cooperation in 1997 and 2009, International Presidents certificate of appreciation for membership 2004, 100% Secretary's Excellence medal 2001, certificates of appreciation for service to the International Convention 1998 and similar for the Europa Forum 2006, a DG appreciation award medal 2006, the International Presidents award medal for services to youth 2007, and over the years has achieved 3 membership key awards.

At Work:

Lion Ron started his working life as an apprentice engineer and over the years has served in this trade as well as in sales and service, in supervisory and managerial positions, even owning his own Guest House for about 14 years. He is now retired from working part time in maintenance of a local private school.

Home & Family:

Lion Ron moved to the IoW in 1965 from Slough in Berkshire and is ably supported by his wife Lion Ann, who he met in 1987 and married in 1988. He also has one son aged 45 and a new grandson. Apart from his Lions activities, at age 55+ he took and passed 7 O level and 3 A level exams, to add to all his earlier qualifications. Also in the past he has spent many years working with the scouts, carnival and various other local charities and town committees, including being a local and County Councillor. In fact since leaving school he has spent most of his free time serving his community.

Immediate Past District Governor's Report – IPDG Lion Roger Huntley

One question that we keep being asked is "What are you doing with your spare time now that you are no longer District Governor"? To which we have to reply "what spare time". Although this year has been different to last and the pressure is not quite the same, it has still been a very busy time and of course one can always find things to fill the gaps without very much effort to do so.

Yes serving as District Governor really opens the eye as to what Lionism in the District is all about, and although I have been a serving Lion for some 35 years, there is always something different that you can learn, both Lion Ann and I would like to express our sincere thanks to the Lions of District 105D for allowing us the honour of serving as your District Governor team for 2008-2009, for more reasons than one it is a memory that will remain with us for many years to come, it certainly was a year of "Service with Fun and Fellowship". 105D is a fantastic District of which we should be very proud.

With the gradual build up and District Handover out of the way, it was time to prepare for the International Convention in Thailand, and what a fantastic experience and memorable occasion that was, from the way in which we were met and welcomed by the local Lions at the airport, the experience of the Dg's training school at Pattaya, meeting and sharing the knowledge and experiences of other DGE's from all parts of the world and then being transported to Bangkok for the main convention and our swearing in ceremony with a police escort for the entire 69 mile journey, yes we really were made to feel welcome in Thailand.

There were many notable and memorable occasions during the year, a wonderful District Service at Warminster, representing the District at Sight savers in the presence of HRH Countess of Wessex, Visit to Moorefield's Eye Hospital with the International President Lion Al Brandel and Maureen, followed the next day by the Lions UN Day at the Houses of Parliament, The District Convention at Yarmouth on the Isle of Wight with International guests Lion Ron & Janet Luxton and of course Alan Titchmarsh at the Banquet & Ball, what a wonderful weekend this was, then there was The Blackmore Vale Rally where upon I was arrested by two German soldiers as we approached the venue and whisked away from Ann.

The District Youth Football match was most enjoyable, which saw the team sponsored by Wokingham go through to the next round, the District Young Ambassador final at Bournemouth, where the Jersey candidate Hannah Johnson was selected to be our representative, who then went on to win the Multiple District final, and come second in the European final in Finland, an absolutely fantastic achievement by a wonderful young lady. Paultons Park was also a tremendous success with an increased attendance.

Unfortunately no new Lions Clubs were formed during the year, but we did form a new Leo Club in Guernsey, it was a great pleasure to badge them up and present this wonderful group of young people with their membership certificates and also a Leo flag, a gift from the Lions Club of Newport. May they go from strength to strength and hopefully go on to become Lions of the future.

The above are just some of the memorable reflections, however far more important to both Ann and I was visiting all of the Clubs and Club Branches within our District, some of them more than once and the Charter Anniversaries as well, to just be with the members as Lions and learn of all the good work that they do in so many different ways, was just out of this world, we were made to feel so welcome and made so many new friends in the process, something we will never forget.

A special thank you to all District Cabinet Officers for working so hard and going that extra mile for the benefit of our District and great organization, thank you also to those specialist officers who offered and gave support when it was needed. it was not always an easy task, but we made it, thank you. Finally, to all of my fellow Lions in District 105D. DG or not, we should not forget that we are all primarily Lions and to be able to serve with you all not just as DG but as a Lion was just great. Thank you all so much for all that you are doing for the benefit of others.

IPDG Lion Roger Huntley

District Secretary Report – Lion PDG Godwin Micallef

This is my Second year as District Secretary and it has been very busy.

The role has many facets that provide support for the District Cabinet, our Clubs and other elements of our organisation.

For example: -

- * Taking minutes for the District Cabinet and the MERL, Finance and Long Range Planning Committee meetings.
- * Collecting various forms/questionnaires such as the District Directory, Delegate/Alternate forms for the District and MD Conventions.
- * Mailings were sent out to the Clubs on the 20th of each month. The DISTRICT mailings are sent to the Secretaries and Presidents in order to ensure that all the Clubs receive the information, one way or another. District Officers also receive the District mailings.

The CLUB mailings, which usually contain non-business items such as Charter invites, were also sent on the 20th of each month. These are sent to Club Secretaries only.

- * I have supported a number of Clubs this year with general advice. Most of my support has been assisting Clubs with their monthly Membership reporting. If anyone ever needs any help on any aspect of the Oak Brook reporting such, as Membership, Activities etc., please contact me.

These are just a few of activities required by this role.

I am pleased to say that all Secretaries have email facilities this year and that is how I have been communicating with them. This is so efficient, especially with the volume of documents that I have to share/receive, and it is also cost efficient.

I would like to thank all those Clubs who have supported me by responding to various requests in good time.

I am here to help you, therefore, please feel free to telephone me if you need any assistance.

Lion PDG Godwin Micallef

District Treasurer Report – Lion Linda Picton

2008-2009 Accounts:

Audited Accounts for both the Administration and Charitable Trust are circulated in the appendix of this Convention 2010 booklet, together with explanatory notes. These files can also be viewed on District 105D website.

I am pleased to report that no areas of concern were expressed by the auditors and no recommendations made.

You will note that the outturn at year end was positive, resulting in an increase in reserves rather than the planned expenditure from reserves. This is due in the main to reduced expenditure on the part of District Officers. Many did not claim permitted expenses that were within the budget.

Final audited accounts as recommended by the Finance Committee, endorsed by Cabinet are to be ratified by Resolution at Convention.

2009-2010 Accounts:

Administration Account: Expenditure is much as would be expected at this mid-point in the lionistic year. Details of expenditure YTD (December 2009) can be found in the relevant column on the Proposed BUDGET PLAN 2010-2011 spreadsheet. Deposits to secure bookings for Conventions and stage payments have been advanced from the District Account. Funds will be reimbursed once full payment for bookings is received by the Host Committees. Standard level of cover provided by insurance policy continues to meet our current requirements.

Charitable Trust: Details of charity donations YTD are updated at the end of each calendar month, and can be viewed on the 105D website. If you experience any difficulty with downloading or access to this facility, please let me know. Thank you for all the donations made for the benefit of those less fortunate than ourselves and for responding so generously to the disaster appeals. Funds are transferred regularly at the end of each calendar month - individuals will not benefit from funds held in our bank account.

BUDGET 2010-2011

This budget was prepared using input from District Officers, with the benefit of previous spending patterns, and an insight into the future structure of the committees and cabinet. This was reviewed by the Finance Committee and endorsed by Cabinet in November 2009. Details accompany the proposed Resolution for District Convention.

Other Relevant Matters:

Once again, our thanks go to Messrs. Gilroy and Brookes for efficiently inspecting our accounts allowing reporting deadlines to be met. Please can I remind you that all individual club accounts should be examined annually by an independent person, not a full audit, and that a copy is sent to the District Treasurer.

Dues and insurances have been paid promptly by the majority of clubs within our District - one or two reminders were needed! As a result account balances with both Multiple District and Oakbrook appear up-to-date and financially healthy. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this possible.

If you have any specific financial queries relating to the audited accounts or the budget plan, please could you contact me ahead of District Convention to allow an opportunity for any investigation.

Lion Treasurer Linda Picton

Finance Committee Report - IPDG Lion Roger Huntley

Committee members: IPDG Roger Huntley (Chairman), Linda Picton (District Treasurer), PDG Pat Nixon, PDG Godwin Micallef (Secretary), VDG1 Brigid Hendy, VDG2 Ron Twining.

The purpose of the committee is to generally provide support to the District Treasurer and to monitor the accounts and financial matters of the District, including the District Budget, Convention Budgets, Accounts, Contracts and Stage Payments.

Also to assist with any other District Financial matters that may arise from time to time, when asked to do so.

The committee has met on three occasions during this current Lions year with a further meeting planned for 5th May 2010.

The District Accounts for 2008-2009 have been approved by the Auditors with no comments, it is now a requirement of the Charity Commission that a "Statement of Benefit" has to be included, in the event of no help or guidance on this from the Commission or the Multiple District, District Treasurer Lion Linda Picton formulated a statement which was approved by the committee and the accounts were duly signed off.

The District Budget plan for 2010-2011 was agreed at the November 2009 Finance Committee meeting, this will indicate that District dues remain at £9.00 for 2010-2011 with a possible increase of £1.00 for 2011-2012 full details can be seen in the District Treasurers report.

District Conventions: 2009 Accounts are in order, a slight loss was incurred due to unforeseen additional ferry costs. 2010 Contract has been agreed and a 10% Deposit paid with a further 40% due early January, this is currently being covered by District as there are currently insufficient confirmed bookings to cover these deposit stage payments. 2011 Contract is at the fine tuning stage and progressing.

A number of other matters were considered and/or investigated by the committee and recommendations suggested, one of the main topics being the Financing of the role of VDG1 & VDG2 which was passed over from the Long Range Planning Committee, currently any expenses incurred are covered mainly by the MERL budget, the DG's budget and other committee budgets with whom the VDG's have responsibilities as laid down by the LCI Constitution, the question was whether separate budget lines were needed for the VDG1 & VDG2. The committee decision was that the current arrangement was deemed to be adequate and in line with the guidelines issued by LCI and that separate budget lines were not required, however, this could be open to further review in the future if found to be necessary due to significant changes in the official role of the duties and responsibilities of the VDG's.

Investigations are ongoing into the loss made on the 2009 District service, it is recommended that the Finance committee should be requested to oversee and exercise a greater degree of control over future events where the District is deemed to have a financial obligation.

I express sincere thanks to the District Treasurer Lion Linda Picton for all of her hard work and the extremely efficient way in which the District finances are managed, my thanks also to the committee for their support and deliberations.

IPDG Lion Roger Huntley

Long Range Planning Committee Report - IPDG Lion Roger Huntley

Committee members: IPDG Roger Huntley (Chairman), PDG Godwin Micallef (Secretary), VDG1 Brigid Hendy, VDG2 Ron Twining, RC Marilyn Skennerton, PDG Mike Hendy, PDG Pat Nixon, PDG Derek Knight, DO John Apps, DO Ian Cuthbert.

The main purpose of the Long Range Planning Committee is to look in to and advise on any matters drawn to the attention of the committee that are likely to affect the long term running and/or efficiency of the District, acting as the DG's Think Tank when requested to do so.

The District Long Range Planning Committee has so far met on two occasions during this current Lions year, with a further meeting planned for 21st April 2010.

Among the topics considered by this committee were those suggested by DG Lion Judith:

1. Region & Zone Chairman recruitment.
2. Youth Programme, relevance of subjects.
3. District Printing.
4. Future of Conventions.
5. District Handover.
6. Financing the role of VDG1 & VDG2

Topics 1, 2 & 4 are ongoing, however with regard to the Youth Programme, the committee does feel that there are too many competitions and that it would probably be better to do a few "well" rather than many "poorly" and that Cabinet should review all Youth projects and possibly get rid of some.

Topic 3. Investigations have established that should Lion Peter Garlick find that he is unable to continue doing the convention printing etc., it would be possible to arrange for this to be done at a similar cost to the present arrangement.

Topics 5 & 6. It was considered more appropriate for the Finance Committee to deal with these

PDG Lion Godwin Micallef is our District representative on the Multiple District Long Range Planning Committee.

I express my thanks to all members of the Committee for their input and deliberations at the committee meetings.

IPDG Lion Roger Huntley

District Almoner Report – Lion Eric Nixon

The District Book of Remembrance is the permanent way in which the District can remember those Lions that have passed to higher service, I thank Lion Christine Munday for the work she does to maintain this record. I would also place on record the follow up actions of the District IT and News Letter Officers who ensure that all appropriate agencies are informed of the loss of Members.

In order that I can take the appropriate actions, as requested by the District Governor, it is essential that I am informed by Club Secretaries of Deaths, Anniversaries, Illness etc, as stated in my first letter to all Clubs. This, I think, should also cover ex Lions who over many years gave Service to our organisation. At least they could be recognised at District Cabinet meetings. I personally have attended at the funerals of local ex Lions and have been amazed at the attendance of many ex Lions. Perhaps, in our hearts, we will always be "Lions" and wish to remember those with whom we have "Served".

Thank you District Governor Judith for the opportunity you have given me to be your District Almoner.

Lion Eric Nixon

Region 1 Report – Lion Derick Smith

The Region has enjoyed a successful year in both fund raising and social activities. This has enabled clubs to continue to give support to Local, National and International causes

There has been an increase in membership in both Zones with some clubs reporting further possible interest. The sad news is that during the year five long serving members of Region Clubs have been called to higher service, they will be long remembered.

An encouraging sign is the cooperation between clubs both socially and in fund raising. This assistance has certainly helped one club pull through a difficult period and they are now reporting a more optimistic future.

Zone meetings have been regularly held and well attended. In no small measure this has been due to the enthusiasm and leadership of the Zone Chairmen. Lions John Cake and Mike Bartlett To them, and to all clubs, I give my sincere thanks for their support and cooperation.

To sum up, I consider the Region to be in good heart and spirit.

Zone 1A - Lion John Cake

The Zone continues to be very active with most clubs supporting International and Multi District Disaster appeals. All clubs in the Zone have contributed most generously to local good causes from their charity fund accounts which have benefited from a variety of fund raising events ranging from sponsored walks and runs, Cheese fairs, Christmas Float collections, Charity Auctions, Race Nights and a Christmas Day Swim which not only benefited Lions but helped other charities.

Lions Clubs continue to have good relationships with other Service Clubs, Local Authorities and the public at large with special events for the elderly at Christmas time including Carol Services and a Christmas Show which brought together Lions and guests from Weymouth & Portland, Bridport and Sherborne Lions Clubs.

Membership in the Zone continues to grow steadily with the hope that retention will also be achieved always remembering that Lions need to enjoy what they are doing by having a healthy and active social life within their clubs.

Zone 1B - Lion Mike Bartlett

All of the Clubs in the Zone have been very busy on welfare and fund raising activities and I wish to congratulate all the Lion Members for their enthusiasm and commitment throughout the year.

Where clubs have struggled with numbers, this has brought a brilliant response within the Zone by everyone offering and providing support so that the motivation and momentum is maintained within the smaller clubs. Two Clubs, Swanage and Wareham have recently held their Swimathon events at Purbeck Sports Centre and Poole Lions are holding their event in February. We are achieving a degree of success with recruiting new members which is encouraging and hopefully will be improved upon. Attendance at Zone meetings is improving providing more discussion between clubs and the inclusion of external speakers. At present, our Zone project is under review as the venue and facilities are likely not to be available.

Finally, our thoughts and sympathies go to the families of those Lions within our Zone who have gone to higher service

Region 2 Report – Chairman Lion Yorky Tuke

Region 2 is showing a decrease in membership so far during the current Lionistic year mainly due to the demise of Totton and Eling Club. It was with sadness that the club was closed after 40 years of service to their community. My thanks go to all past members of Totton and Eling Lions Club for that service which has benefitted so many people over the years.

I have visited the majority of clubs in the Region and find that although most clubs talk about similar things, they are being tackled in so many different ways. During the first half year Zone meetings that I have attended it is clear that clubs are actively seeking new members. Several clubs have plans for an early drive in the New Year.

One zone, Zone C, has an excellent opportunity to form a Young Lions Club with co-operation from clubs within the Zone. Zone Meetings are an excellent forum for idea exchanges, and Presidents should be encouraged to promote attendance for the benefit of all their members. I have attended Zone Meetings in all three zones in the region and find them to be most enlightening. If only more lions could be involved in Zone matters.

Clubs and zones alike are showing an element of interaction, where Christmas projects are linked across boundaries.

The Region as a whole is in a health state although membership continues to be a problem.

Zone C – Lion Alan Chapman

The main topic at my Zone meetings has been based on increasing membership throughout the Zone. All of the Clubs in the zone are quite stable regarding membership but it is necessary to maintain a constant programme to ensure the health of the Clubs. When I attended the Bradford on Avon Charter in November, I was very impressed by the speech made by their President Lion Keith Yates. The speech started with the number of miracles that happen in the town and surrounding areas each year and the part that the Lions play in these miracles. The speech then went on to the need to bring younger members into the club to ensure the continuity of the Club for many years to come.

At the September Zone meeting there were many suggestions put forward regarding attracting new and younger members into Clubs. Warminster had been very successful in the previous Lionistic year by badging five new members. This was done by the enthusiasm of the President and new members encouraging their friends to come along to the Club meeting as prospective members.

LP Andrew Thompson from Trowbridge suggested that it might be possible to start a new Lions Club in the Zone with young people from the age of 18 +. This would ensure that there would be young people getting involved with Community projects and also have a Club that would be able to relate to the needs of young people within the community. A possible venue has been found in Trowbridge which is fairly central to the Zone. The venue is a new youth club and the organisers are keen to discuss the possibility of the proposed new Lions Club, a meeting is being arranged to discuss the way forward.

It is with regret that I have been unable to visit the Zone Clubs due to my physical difficulty with arthritis in my hips. I have now had my left hip replaced with a shiny new titanium joint which has improved my mobility and will enable me to make a few visits in the New Year. All Clubs in Zone C are healthy and active.

Zone D – Lion Bill Wyatt

Zone D clubs in general are very productive with customary activity in fund raising and community service. Membership is as always a matter of concern in all clubs, with several clubs planning recruitment drives. A sad loss to the Zone was Totton and Eling Club after forty years of unstinting service.

Zone E – Lion Peter Steeples

Zone E clubs are similarly busy with their fund raising and community service. The zone has a small increase in membership YTD with all clubs actively seeking new members. Ringwood and Fordingbridge are planning a drive in the early spring. Zone Meetings continue to be attended by the faithful few, but always have some worthwhile content.

Region 3 Report – Chairman Lion Marilyn Skennerton

This report must start with thanks to the three Zone chairmen. The development and progress made in the region is the result of having such experienced and dedicated Lions in that role and I could not give them more praise.

In general there remain two dominating problems throughout the region with the exception of one or two particular clubs. The first is membership where we still have an increasing average age and a lack of potential leaders. This is entirely due to the policy taken by the association over the past ten years where we now readily accept any caring, kindly, person willing to help the community irrespective of any leadership qualities. It means that many of our clubs now have only a handful of Lions ready and willing to accept the leadership.

This leads to a lack of ambition to progress within the association's administration and by far the large majority of grass root Lions take no interest in District affairs. This will lead to increasing difficulties in the future.

Despite problems associated with administration the clubs have performed well in Serving their community. The Zone chairmen have all brought Presidents and clubs closer which must be advantageous.

Future Cabinets may have to consider club leadership becoming more dependant upon the club directors thus relieving the President of some responsibility.

Zone 3F – Lion Doreen Norton

All Clubs within Zone 3F have been working hard towards increasing their Membership. As we all know, our Clubs are static and need new blood to make it carry its self forward .

They have all been promoting Lions projects for youth and especially Message in a Bottle, which is still being unheard of, all though Lions are still promoting MIAB.

We have agreed in the Portsmouth area that we will make contact with all the Services again and have produced a booklet explaining MIAB to leave with them.

All Clubs have been busy during the summer and over the Christmas period, either doing collections or being Father Christmas at Play Schools and Special School. Clubs are continuing to help people in the community, with driving, home visits, Birthday and Christmas Cards, one parent families with Christmas Hampers, and Senior Citizens Parties.

Membership within the Clubs. There has been a number of transfer's within the Clubs, which means that there has not been a loss of numbers, within the Zone, while any other loss has been through death of old standing members or members moving out of the area.

I know that some Clubs have possible members in the back ground waiting to join.

There has been a good relationship between the Presidents within the Zone since our first meeting, early in their year of office and have been speaking to each other and asking each other, how would they cope with a particular situation. Which is not possible when there are other Club members there. Each President gained a lot from it.

It is planned that we have another meeting, with each other to see how things are progressing and if they have enjoyed their time as President and what would they have done differently.

This should be very interesting.

The attendance at the Zone meetings has been very good and we had 1st Vice District Governor Lion Brigid Hendy come a long to answer questions on Membership. This was very helpful and she was able to give some new ideas to the Clubs.

All of these Clubs are working hard and are aware of other members of their Club who are not so able and make sure that they are not put upon.

Most of the Clubs have their own Almoner who take's their duty very seriously

ZONE 3G - Lion Pauline McCreanor

All clubs have been working tirelessly on fundraising and community service projects and all seem to have been successful in the first half of the Lionistic year.

I have visited all clubs, and by the end of the year I will have visited them twice.

I will have held three Zone meetings by convention with two more to follow before the end of the year. The clubs have been well represented at these meetings and they have been fun as well as productive. My aim is to get as many lions as possible at these meetings as I feel it is beneficial in members knowledge of lionism, and it helps members from the different clubs to get to know each other.

We as a zone are very active in collecting spectacles and I'm sure our dedicated collectors will sort them as they did last year ready for Spectrek.

We sent over one hundred people to Paultons Park last year and we plan to send a contingent this year also.

The clubs in the zone have all donated sums of money locally and most internationally. Numerous organisations and individuals have benefited from the clubs hard work during the year.

Although this year we have lost some members in the zone, things are now hopefully improving.

To finish this report I would like to thank all the clubs for their support and friendship and to District Governor Judith for giving me the privilege of serving the district and zone

Zone 3H – Lion Mike Brown

All zone meetings and club visits were completed by the end of the last lionistic year and a very successful zone quiz was held. By the time of this convention four zone meetings will have been held and all the clubs will have been visited at least once with all having been visited twice by the end of the year.

We have supported projects as a zone and we hope to hold another zone social to bring all the clubs together. All meetings have been well supported with representatives from all the clubs attending and all the clubs are active in community service and fundraising with all the clubs in the Zone doing some form of fundraising over the Christmas period even though the weather was pretty inclement. All members have been encouraged to attend convention. I have also tried to emphasise how important membership is both to our clubs and to our association and I am confident that all clubs are trying to come up with ideas to recruit new members.

Region 4 Report – Chairman Lion Roger Munday

Discussions have been held with all 3 Zone Chairmen on membership and status of clubs. A Membership Plan was prepared and presented to the MERL Committee and the Zone Chairmen have received details.

Zone meetings have been attended with further Zone meetings set for January, March, May and June. Club visits are being planned in my own Zone and nearby clubs in Zones I and J during the "bad weather" months and in the Spring for clubs further afield.

At the same time as last year the Region membership numbers remained the same at 306 members, after losses and gains.

All Cabinet meetings have been attended. One MERL meeting has been missed, due to sickness.

Membership remains high on the list of priorities in attempts to lower the average age through attracting younger members and making them feel wanted and also by valuing the contribution and advice from older and longer serving members. However, the Region membership plan is to nurture and keep members and increase numbers in each club by 1 as a minimum target.

Zone I - Lion John Ormiston

Regular Zone meetings are being held with the object of sharing information on projects.

So far this in Lionistic year Alton and Petersfield clubs have each gained one new member but Petersfield numbers remain constant due to the loss of a member. Meon Valley have remained at 23 members. However, Woolmer Forest have lost four members and this has reduced the club size to eight and a visit to the club has been planned to discuss this situation and to establish if any assistance is required. Overall the Zone has lost 3 members and now has 77 Lions.

The largest Project in the zone is the collection of used glasses for Spec Convention Report trek by Petersfield.

Zone J - Lion Martin Slatford

Several clubs are under stress from an ageing membership and small numbers but we have some good and strong projects.

We have some resistance to information about international and national Lions projects. Too many members "know all about it from donkeys years ago " and this blocks the ideas getting to new members. Some of the Zone clubs probably have a need for new organisation and leadership. Loddon Valley has been investigating a Club Branch in Bramley and Chineham on the boundaries with Basingstoke Club, with the blessing of Basingstoke Lions. Projects need a big fillip to get them going. There are some large challenges to us all in this zone over the next 12 months. Attention was given to improving the reporting from South Chilterns with the assistance of DG Lion Judith.

This year we have been, and shall be holding, regular Zone Dinners in different venues around the Zone at which we exchange ideas on fund raising and community service projects.

At this mid point in the Lionistic year the Zone membership stands at 107 which is a net increase of 2 from June year end. This needs to be built on.

Zone K - Lion Christine Munday

As usual this Zone is very active in all the fields of service, and it is a pleasure to meet the members in those clubs.

Membership in the clubs is very positive and a couple of clubs are gaining members very regularly, and the average age in those clubs is reducing. At the mid point we have seen an increase of three Lions with good prospects for the rest of the Lionistic year.

The regular President's meetings do mean that a very good exchange of ideas take place. It has been very rewarding seeing how each club handles various aspects of club life.

Planning for our major zone event, Funfest, is well under way under the care of Lion Brian Proctor and his committee. A Fund raising dance is to be held for this. Two other zone projects are being looked into: a sensory machine for Ticehurst Nursing Home, and getting signage put up on the local roundabouts to promote the clubs in our area.

Zone K is definitely alive and well and looks healthy for the future.

Region 5 Report – Chairman PDG Lion Mike Hendy

Region 5 Overview

At the end of March 2009 the membership figures for Zone L were 133 and for Zone M – 117. Regrettably at the end of June 2009 these figures stood at 129 and 111 respectively. Zone L has however reversed this trend with Henley on Thames inducting 7 new members in the first 5 months of 2009/2010 whilst Goring in Zone M have tried hard along with other clubs to reduce the deficit with 4 new members in this Lionistic year.

For 2008/2009 the Region raised a total of £220k and are nearly a quarter of the way towards that sum this year. Those clubs that do Firework displays will have had a respite from the monsoons this year which has enabled them to refill their depleted coffers. I am sure that at the time of writing all the clubs are gearing themselves for a hectic round of Christmas activities and I look forward to getting a summary of those activities at the next Region meeting in January which will be our now annual Dinner meeting. We are fortunate in this Region that it is geographically relatively easy to get both zones together for one meeting and this is continuing into its second year at the request of the Region clubs. Regrettably I have not been able to find the time to visit the clubs this year although the year is not over yet however I have been able to deal with queries as they have arisen by phone, email or at the Region meetings.

Zone L – Lion Iain Pudney

The Zone has managed to increase Membership this year by three rising from 129 to 132 and have raised almost £38,000 which has been donated to primarily Local charities. In addition they have expended over 1,500 man hours serving their Community

Henley have managed to recruit 7 new members so far this year whilst Maidenhead have already held a Membership meeting at which 40 people attended and they hope to get some new members from this early in 2010. Slough and Burnham are looking at membership drives in 2010 to boost membership.

Clubs are all working hard to improve their standing in the Community and also raise funds with Burnham having a very successful Christmas Fayre and Santa Sleigh, Henley with a very successful Late Night Shopping and various other local events, Maidenhead with a very successful Swimathon and other events, Slough with Carnivals and an Asian Evening whilst Windsor had very successful Horse Ride and are very active with their Good Neighbours Good Causes, which has take off within their area.

Zone M – PDG Lion Mike Hendy

First some number crunching. Zone M started this Lionistic year with 111 members and has now dropped to 109 at the end of November 2009 – however these 109 members in their clubs have still managed to raise almost £13,000 so far and expended a total of nearly 900 man hours to serve their community

Clubs have been represented at two Region Meetings so far – one of the Bracknell members who is also MD Leo Vice President addressed the region of the rewards of starting a Leo Clubs and 1st VDG Brigid addressed the second meeting on membership issues both locally and globally

We have had no formal fund raising project this year although I do know that some clubs are still holding money ring fenced for last year's nominated charity – the Alexander Devine Children's Cancer Trust for when they are able to purchase land and start to build the planned hospice

Bracknell is still positive and have their officers nominated for next year to enable the club to continue despite having currently only 6 members. Goring have recruited 4 new members in the first 5 months; Reading have come up with a Membership plan that will meet the President's membership target of 24 new members in the next two years. Woodley prayed to the gods in 2009 and their prayers for reasonable weather were answered and enabled them to add in excess of £4.5k to their charity account and Wokingham successfully continue to be the major player in the town's two principal events – the Wokingham May Fayre and the Wokingham Winter Carnival

This is my second (and last) year in this role and I can say I am proud to have led a zone for that period which has one goal – to serve its communities wherever there is need

MERL Committee Report – Chairman 1st VDG Lion Brigid Hendy

District MERL Chairman – VDG Brigid Hendy

Since the last convention the MERL team has met at frequent intervals first under the chairmanship of the then VDG, Lion Judith and now since July 2009, myself. The composition of the team is: Membership Chairman and membership officers, Leadership Chairman and Training Officers, Reports Officer and Region Chairmen.

In September, we met for a full half day as a team to work through areas where there may be opportunities for Club Extension but also to look at aspects where the District Team could be of assistance to club teams. The team set district clubs a simple target to reduce the attrition rate among club members and increase retention especially among those members with less than 3 years service but with a simple target of a nett increase of just 1 member for each club in this Lionistic year which would give DG Judith two thirds of her target of plus 100 members for District 105D

The whole team is due to meet again for another full morning session in February to review actions taken so far and to seek to re-formulate the three/five year strategy for the growth of the district if necessary

1st VDG Lion Brigid Hendy

Membership, Extension, Club Development Chairman – Lion Ian Cuthbert

My 2009 Convention report announced the formation of a Global Membership Team to confront the challenges and explore the opportunities that will lead to membership growth, using a collaborative team approach and relying heavily on existing structures including District MERL teams. Each District was asked to produce a 3-5 Year Action Plan. Our 105D Action Plan was adopted unanimously by the MERL team and is currently being explained to all clubs.

Membership results for 2008/09 reflected the efforts of all clubs in the District 105D with reference to the above, especially when compared with many other Districts in our MD. However the hard work has to continue for November '09 saw the closure of Totton & Eling Lions Club with the loss of all members.

When discussing Membership/Retention at Club/Zone meetings over the past three years I have been asked frequently what MD/District is doing to help Clubs attract new members/reduce the cost of being a Lion. We must be able to respond to their questions knowledgeably and honestly or we are wasting our time visiting Clubs.

Every Club needs to fully involve all its members and keep them aware of what is happening. A MENTOR with extensive knowledge of Lions should be appointed to guide NEW and PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS. We can achieve positive growth, but it requires us all to work together.

In the table below I have shown our membership at November '09. Note that we have four clubs with less than ten members.

- The following reflects the **December 2009** District Membership status and analysis of **Club** membership.

MD105D	June '09	Nov. '09	DIFF.
CLUBS	1369	1359	-10
BRANCH	15	13	-2
TOTAL	1384	1372	-12

TOTAL	MEMBERSHIP ANALYSIS					
	1-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30+
66	5	11	14	20	9	7
2	2					

I have attended a two day MERL workshop in Birmingham with reference to GMT, four District MERL meetings, three Zone meetings, two Club meetings and three Cabinet meetings since our 2009 Convention.

Lion Ian Cuthbert

District Leadership Development Chairman – Lion Graham Drayton

As in previous years much of the emphasis on Leadership and Training is concentrated in the second half of the Lionistic Year.

New Lions Orientation

A new approach has been adopted this year. When a Zone has a fresh influx of New Members, Qualified Trainers will attend small groups of 5 or 6 to present a 'common' Orientation Package and to offer specific advice.

Emerging Lions Institute [for Lions with less than 5 years service]

This 4 day residential course is held annually in January. Recognised as being one of the sure methods of gaining fresh leadership qualities within a club – this District has succeeded in gaining 4 entrants for the 2010 Institute. **Incoming Presidents** – make sure you have a candidate for next year.

Club Officers + Region/Zone Chairman Information Workshop 2010.

My predecessors seemed to have evolved a winning formula for this annual event with near-on 90 attending the 2009 gathering.

The date for this year's Information Workshops will be the morning of Saturday 8th May at the Novotel Southampton. This larger venue will enable the Training Team to offer more proactive presentations.

Incoming Presidents – not only do I encourage you to attend [even if this is not your first time in the chair] but please ensure your club Officers come along to this half day event – it is for the ultimate good of your club.

Convention 2010

A major change is taking place at this years Convention with greater emphasis being given to Club Development. There will be a number of hands on workshops during the course of the day whereby Lions of all levels of experience will be encouraged to partake. There will also be the opportunity for the membership to approach District Officers with specific questions and ideas they may wish to raise.

Faculty Development Institute

This is for Senior Lions wishing to be tutored to act as future Trainers. The venue and date of this 3-4 day course [somewhere in Europe] is seldom released until a month or so before the event. We have 3 Lions in our District who are now qualified Faculty Members. We are seeking more. Please contact me if you are interested.

New Mentoring Programme

Statistics show that we lose a disproportionate number of Lions within the first couple of years of membership. A condensed Mentoring Programme is to be distributed to all Clubs by Convention illustrating methods whereby the progress and development of new members can be encouraged and monitored.

Lion Graham Drayton

2nd V D G / District Reports Officer Lion Ron Twining

Reporting to Convention from this time last year, I was still the Reports Officer, but then in July I became your 2nd VDG and the two jobs were merged. So as reports officer I have to say, all is running smoothly. My reports to the M E R L team have all bar one gone out on time. Unfortunately this is not the case with the clubs, as some still seem to think they do not need to do these reports, nor send them to the 2 VDG/Reports Officer. There is of course only a handful of clubs that are remiss about this and usually after gentle reminders manage to do them, even if it is after the deadline of the 27th of the month. Having said that it is only a few clubs that fail in this respect, most are very good. At the time of writing this report, in December, at the start of compiling the December reports, it is interesting to note that after a positive start on membership for this year, we seem to be losing members, let us just hope it is a seasonal glitch. I am sure the District Membership officer will elaborate more on this.

In my other role of 2nd VDG, a new post created this year, I have been kept quite busy serving on the various committees and attending training sessions. I must admit that after 30 years as a Lion doing many different jobs I am finding there is still a lot I have to learn, in order to become a DG.

The only other thing I can say is that I am pleased you allowed me to these jobs, and I am enjoying doing them and serving my fellow Lions.

2nd VDG Lion Ron Twining

Youth Team Committee Reports – Lion Ann Twining

Well it has been quite a year for the youth team who have been fairly active this year at the time of writing this report. We have held three meetings to discuss the new options for youth projects along with existing projects. The New Projects Officer Lion John Apps has successfully launched the Poetry Competition and the Environmental Youth Competition is following close behind.

Two members of the team attended the MD Youth Symposium in the summer of 2009 and Lion Richard High the Young Ambassador Officer was so impressed, with what he saw and learnt, that he decided to run a District version. This will be held during the morning of the Young Ambassador finals, and one of his special guests will be a young girl who attended our Youth Camp in 2008 at the Avon Tyrell, she has since also attended a camp during 2009 in another country. So hopefully once people have heard her speak they will be more prepared to get involved in Youth Exchange. Richard has also lined up other interesting speakers on other youth related subjects. Our Schools Liaison Officer has been working hard to get Clubs and Schools working together. The District also participated in all the usual youth projects such as; Peace Poster, Young Ambassadors, Youth Exchange, Youth Football, and Tacade. I have enjoyed my second year as Youth Chairman, and would very much like to thank all of my team for their support, as without it nothing could have been achieved. I must not forget to thank my husband Ron for his help on the computer, and note taking at meetings. As always any member of the team is willing to attend a Zone or Club meeting to talk about Youth Projects.

Lion Ann Twining

Youth Exchange Report – Lion Ann Twining

Since Convention in 2009, approximately 12 young people travelled to various countries overseas in the name of Youth Exchange, mostly from Brockenhurst College, courtesy of New Milton Lions Club. Unfortunately it was not such a bright picture for Youth Exchange in this District for those coming into this country during 2009. This was because for the first time in about 8 or 9 years we did not host one single youth, despite my making many appeals for Host Families, there was not even a chance to redeem ourselves by hosting during the winter, as no requests were received by the MD Officer for the winter exchange. At the time of writing this report I understand preparations are under way in Brockenhurst for the selection of candidates for overseas exchange this summer, is your club doing anything about youth Exchange? May I take this opportunity to encourage more clubs to participate in hosting youths, and to sending youths to overseas camps. Let us show the other Districts that "D" is still keen on Youth Exchange, perhaps we could be the top district to host once again, or even get to be the next best District to Ireland for the number we send overseas. Therefore, abiding with the first purpose of Lions "To Create and Foster a Spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world" Please do not forget I am always willing to attend a Zone or Club meeting to talk about Youth Exchange or any other Youth project.

Lion Ann Twining

Youth Football Report – Lion Don Crabtree

There are just two teams from this district taking part this year, and due to difficulties in getting together the teams and available grounds at the same time the final probably will not take place until February 2010. So the outcome of this game will be updated at Convention. Thank you to the clubs and the teams that took part this year.

Lion Don Crabtree

Young Ambassador Report - Lion Richard High

My job was to organise and host a District event to find a Young Ambassador to take to Multiple District finals. Encourage clubs to work in the local community to find a nomination for the Young Ambassador District event. Also, it was decided in the Youth Team that the weekend should incorporate a Youth Symposium. This is my first year in the role, and I have not attended a Young Ambassador weekend previously, so I am grateful for the assistance of fellow Lions in the organisation of the event.

Preparations for the weekend are coming along. I have 3 judges for the event, and the youth symposium aspect of the weekend has been arranged, with 3 speakers on youth projects, including the Belarus Trust, Youth Exchange programmes, and TACADE. There appear to be Lions interested in attending the weekend with a view to seeing these presentations, and the presentation of a Young

Ambassador District winner. Despite not having attended one of these events previously, I am confident that, with the assistance of many fellow Lions throughout the District, the weekend will go well.

In June, I attended an M-D Youth Symposium (one of 3 Lions from the District), which was a great education in the work of Lions International in relation to Youth matters. I was, after attending this event, able to secure funding from my club for one of the featured projects.

After the District round of the Young Ambassador competition, I am escorting the successful candidate to the Multiple District event in February.

I attended a Multiple District meeting of Young Ambassador Officers, and learnt more about how other people see the competition.

Lion Richard High

Peace Poster Report - Lion Frances Bond

This year's competition was very well supported; we had sold over 30 kits and had received for the MD competition 16 Peace Posters. This has been a very good year despite less kits being sold due to clubs being informed that for the District competition they did not need them.

I am glad that the clubs took part in the voting for this year and it has been a huge success.

It would be great still to have more clubs submit Peace Posters for the MD competition and for clubs to endorse the computer aided design as we have yet to receive any takers.

The winning candidate from 105D competition was from Fleet Lions

Ornard Kambarami age 12

The District Posters have now been sent out and I hope that this is as well supported with the voting as the MD competition.

Next year's theme will be Unity of Peace

Lion Frances Bond

Life Skills Report - Lion Alan Chapman

This year has been difficult regarding Tacade as most of the time has been taken up with the Bereavement project which is very much overdue. This has been caused by a number of problems relating to the some original text having to be rewritten to comply with copyright law and agreement with the author Lion Margaret Riley from District C. This has now been rectified and the resource has been successfully trialled and is now ready for publication as soon as the balance of funding has been raised. District C applied for an LCIF Grant to cover the shortfall in funding from Lions Clubs throughout the UK. Due to the lack of LCIF support, it has been necessary to ask Clubs to contribute towards the completion of this most important resource. I sent a letter out to all Clubs in the District asking them to be as generous as possible as there may be a few quid available after their Christmas collections.

As most of you may have noticed, the same letter has appeared in the Lion magazine under the name of Lion David Skinner, MD Life Skills Officer. This was due to the Editor of the Lion asking Tacade for a page for the December/January copy of the magazine. Tacade asked me if they could use my letter as it was very relevant to their present needs regarding funding for the Bereavement resource.

I have constantly made it clear to Zone chairmen that I am available to come to their meetings to promote and discuss Life Skills matters but as yet there have not been any requests so far this year. This offer still stands!

Lion Alan Chapman

Leo Clubs Report - Lion John Apps

1. Leo Clubs

LEO clubs of Guernsey (Omega) and the Pride of St Edmunds (Alpha) are well established and doing well. In the last 3 years there have been enquiries from 8 Lions clubs about starting a Leo Club but sadly they have been nothing more than that – enquires. It needs commitment from Lions Clubs to support the Youth Officer or Leo Liaison Officer who made that initial enquiry in order for the Leo club to be formed. From my own experience I can tell you it is very rewarding to work with these young people and the seeds sown auger well for the future. I can also tell you it is very frustrating not to get any feedback from those clubs who enquired but did not progress. How many clubs are holding the regalia from their now defunct Leo Club? Could it be re-cycled?

2. Future projects

Two new projects have been agreed by Cabinet to run for a trial period.

The Poetry Competition was formally announced by District Mailing in September although Cabinet Officers had known of this for some months. The competition had a completion date of the end of November and at that time, apart from my own club, there was only one poem submitted. Why was there such a poor response? Do clubs feel there are too many competitions? Was there insufficient time? Was there no interest? Are clubs unable to engage the young in community activities?

The Environmental Officer has already published a guide (Approved by Cabinet in May 2009) to the existing International Leaflet IAD 219 which is the 'Green Team – Caring for the Environment'. This Environmental Competition needs to be fully explained and the Environmental Officer will be advising on this in the near future.

Please bear in mind these competitions are being run as a trial, any feedback (Positive and negative) from clubs, zone or region would be welcome.

Lion John Apps

Schools & Education Report – PDG Lion Pat Nixon

When DG Judith invited me to pick up these reins again, I was full of enthusiasm but due to a variety of circumstances this has somewhat waned!

The confines of CRB clearance and the reluctance of some members to register restricted Lions involvement in schools. A rethink by the present Government may have made things easier. However it continues to be a case of 'watch this space.'

Arising from the Youth Symposium in Birmingham last year there has been a new initiative for 'LEADERS IN SERVICE' In the near future there will be publicity materials being sent to all clubs. This may be something that Clubs might like to take to their schools.

I am aware that most clubs do have some involvement with their local schools. If I can be of help don't hesitate to ask. What works for one club will not necessarily work for another.....what works one year will not necessarily work this year. It is important to be flexible and to grasp opportunities as they arise. It could be the start of a long & beautiful friendship with your local school don't be too disappointed if it isn'tthere are plenty of schools and children that do need your support!

PDG Lion Pat Nixon

Communications Committee Report – Lion Peter Garlick

Newsletter Editor, Lion Magazine Sub-Editor & District Printing Officer – Lion Peter Garlick

Over the past year I have had some great articles and photos please keep them coming, but there is some reluctance from some clubs to send articles. This is your newsletter and it is an important tool for sharing, especially new ideas. Just a reminder on photos, please ensure sent as JPEG and if possible do not reduce image quality or size.

The aim as always is to ensure both District and DG's newsletters are on the website by the 1st of the month. Due to the recent postal strike the newsletter was sent online to secretaries plus normal copies in post, however 19 Clubs have now requested just to receive this by post only, so if there are any other clubs who would prefer this please send me an email. **pgarlick1@aol.com (OR) news@lions105d.org.uk**

All articles received are automatically passed on to the Lion for possible insertion. Can I remind all clubs that **Obituaries should be emailed or posted to me**; these are then forwarded on for insertion in the Lion, and the Webmaster for putting on 105D Website.

Lion Peter Garlick

IT Office & Webmaster – Lion Tom Sayers

The District website www.lions105d.org.uk was maintained by Lion Chris Stevens for many years. Chris spent a considerable time creating it and even more time keeping it up to date. The website was written in HTML code with a tremendous amount of skill and knowledge and application. What we saw when we opened a page was just the tip of a very large iceberg. Chris worked extremely hard to provide a great resource for the District and it is my privilege to be able to continue in his footsteps and build on his work. Thank you, Chris.

The new website went live at the end of November 2009. It emulates the Multiple District website in looks and operation. Generic email addresses and forwarding are in place enabling email addressed to dg@lions105d.org.uk, for example, to be routed to the District Governor's private email address.

Multiple District IT

At the Multiple District IT meeting in Birmingham, in September 2009, there was a move to encourage more uniformity across Multiple District, District and Club websites. Clubs are to be helped to create their own websites. Ways of sharing content between Multiple District and Districts are being investigated. New online communication methods are being sought. Legal compliance guidance is being updated.

The Future of the 105D Website

Whilst I continue to update the website as information is received, the new website enables all District Officers to update their own pages. This requires no knowledge of HTML coding and is as simple as creating an email. It does require a user name and password and may be moderated (require approval) prior to publishing.

We now have a District Calendar on our website that may be maintained by several District Officers. The events can be automatically transferred to club websites, thereby keeping clubs abreast of District dates. For an example, please see www.fleetlions.org.uk/events.html.

The list of clubs and contact details are being transferred to a database that enables quick access and different 'views' of the same data, for example viewing by club, by zone or region. The database also makes possible the automatic changeover of contact details on the 1st of July each year.

Similar databases are planned for District Officer data and possibly financial and secretarial data. If we wish, we can have training videos, online voting and storage of all documents but to name a few. Hopefully we can start using the power of the web to save us time and money.

Lion Tom Sayers

District Health & Safety Officer – Lion Peter Burnett

Health & Safety officer is probably still the least popular job in Lionism but I'm doing it again this year.

Clubs in the district do now seem to be taking the subject very seriously and I thank them all for that. Risk assessments are carried out, written records of these are kept & most clubs now have a written Health & Safety policy in place.

As long as clubs keep doing things by the book and keep written records of our actions we should not have any problems even if a serious accident should occur at an event. Remember if clubs get lazy and policies are not followed and risk assessments carried out then the directors of a club would leave themselves vulnerable to being prosecuted under Health & Safety law.

Health & Safety is not difficult but it is a habit which we have all got to keep up, so please all clubs carry on doing those risk assessments and keeping written records.

Lion Peter Burnett

District insurance Adviser - Lion Jo Hamblin

My second year as District Insurance Adviser has been very interesting. There has been a change of Insurance broker from Sutton Winson to Miles Smith, effective November 2009, and alterations made to the way in which we insure the District and Club Regalia and Equipment. The Multiple District is now self funding these claims. These changes were not welcomed by all Clubs and I received numerous calls and emails with questions on the new arrangements, particularly as we entered the busy period of Club activities leading up to Christmas. I have issued a number of District Mailings that hopefully have now clarified the position and will continue to issue further guidance in 2010.

Liability still continues to be a big concern of Clubs, not only with respect to the Christmas Sleigh and Santa but also where Clubs enter into contractual relationships with Local Authorities and other Organisations for community events and fundraising activities.

I attended a meeting on 1st December with the Multiple District Insurance Officer, together with the other District Insurance Advisers, to meet our new insurance Brokers and to gain a greater understanding of how the new arrangements will work. Subsequent to this meeting, the District Insurance Manual was revised and is now available to Clubs on line via the MD Website.

One of the criticisms levelled at the Multiple District was around the timing of the changes, so the renewal date for our insurances has now been changed from 1st November to 1st September. This should avoid any conflict with Clubs and enable communications to get to Clubs before the busy year end period.

The MD Insurance Officer has committed to keeping the District Officers aware of any further developments on insurance and we are also building our own working relationships with the personnel at Miles Smith. With this in mind, I anticipate the insurance renewal for 2010 will be more straightforward.

Lion Jo Hamblin

District Competitions Officer – Lion Doris Hayes

My report to convention is limited as the results for nominees for the various competitions are not completed until shortly before the event.

I feel however that there is very little interest at Club level to participate in the various competitions available. Maybe we should rethink the whole idea. I am open to offers.

Those clubs who won awards at last years convention, could you please ensure that if you are not attending convention that the trophies have been engraved where necessary and to let me or Region or Zone Chairman have the trophies in plenty of time for convention.

Lion Doris Hayes

PR Committee Report – PR Chair Lion David Taylor

Throughout the summer months, the newly-acquired PR display units have been booked by Clubs across the District. The roll-up banners have been the most popular, followed by the feather flag. One of the most prominent displays is actually the pop-up banner display; however, this has been under-utilised, perhaps because of its size. Nevertheless, those Clubs using it have been very pleased with its effectiveness.

The plan was always to split up the set of 5 roll-up banners purchased as this year's major events grant – one to each Regional PRO so place them closer to Clubs that have not bought their own. Having said that, it was pleasing to learn from MDHQ that 105D are to the fore when ordering the new roll-up banners, which have proved very popular and attracted the attention of some jealous Rotary Clubs! Priced at around £90, they remain an eye-catching, PR tool with many Clubs ordering two for extra flexibility and effectiveness.

October saw Lions Awareness Week, with the suggested Blindfold Walk on World Sight Day itself. Again, Clubs in 105D took the opportunity to participate, achieving really good regional recognition with all Clubs being provided with all the information, key points to make, a ready-drafted press release and posters.

Our entry into November's Lord Mayor's Show also went very well. We fielded a full complement of 12 Lions, together with a group of young people participating in our Young Leaders in Service project.

Looking into our MD Diamond Anniversary year, we are planning a larger presence at Paultons Park that we would encourage Clubs across the District to attend; another successful entry into the Lord Mayor's Show and the purchase of at least 5 vinyl banners (10ft x 3ft) that should be easier for Clubs to use, rather than the very large banner we own at present.

In the end, we are trying to achieve maximum awareness of Lions locally, yet also show we are all part of a very large International body. Either way, the success lies with the effort each and every Club is willing to put in – all we can do is provide as much support as possible in briefing material and display equipment. Again, it is pleasing to see how many Clubs in 105D continue to make use of the media in their local area to promote both their own Club and the Lions organisation as a whole.

Lion David Taylor

District Vulnerable Persons Officer – Lion David Merchant

This has been a hectic and interesting year as regards the role of Vulnerable Persons Officer, especially as there have been a number of changes in the expectations of the need for Lions, and others, to be registered. The new Vetting and Barring Scheme, which works alongside the existing CRB checks, has been partially implemented. This involves the part, which since October 2009, places the responsibility for those involved with organising events on ensuring the members used in welfare activities and consequently in direct contact with the public, are not on either of the Barred Lists.

The rest of the Act will come into force in November 2010, although at the time of compiling this report it appears there will be some relaxing of the requirements to register with the Independent Safeguarding Authority. When details of such amendments to the existing requirements are made known the relevant information will be circulated to all Clubs. Once we are in a position to register members with the Independent Safeguarding Authority – which should be a one off and portable registration – again this information will be circulated to Clubs; this is likely to be from the end of July 2010.

I am pleased to have been asked to visit a number of Clubs this year to talk about CRB and the Vetting and Barring Scheme. Following these visits it is encouraging to note there has been a significant increase in both the number of Clubs with members registered with CRB as well as in the membership of Lions within District 105D who are now registered to work with children and vulnerable adults.

Lion David Merchant

Community Service Team Reports - Lion Reg Norton

Environment & Community Activities District Officer – Reg Norton

As with previous reports, this one is having to be written in December, over four months in advance of our District Convention. It is therefore impossible to report on achievements in this field of activity, I can only list my aspirations for the Lions Year 2009 – 2010 which include the following:

1. To Increase awareness and develop contacts for Environmental matters.
2. To Promote, Organise and inform Clubs of the District Clean Up month.
3. To Organise District Environmental Photo Competition followed by an open competition for members of the general public.
4. Participation by some Clubs and outside organizations in the new Environmental Competition "Making the World a Better Place"

Nothing has changed in the difficulty faced in making this role meaningful because despite my enthusiasm for environmental activities and despite Lions International boasting support for an environmental policy since 1972, it is obvious that the majority of Lions including District Officers have little interest in promoting the subject. However, we have several more opportunities to redress that position in the coming months. First, our International "Environmental" Photo Competition covering the following subject areas: Landscapes (urban or natural), Animal Life, Plant Life, Weather and the 'special theme' for 2009-10 which is "*Lions Move to Grow Green*" - i.e. Lions in action implementing a Lions environment project. However, although this activity has been popular in the past, only two entries have been received at the time of writing this report. (26 December 2009).

At the end of January I will inform Clubs regarding the promotion of an "Environmental" Photo Competition for members of the general public, as we did last year. The first four categories currently used for the Lions competition will be used for the public competition.

Finally, the OPAL (Open Air Laboratories) Project organised by the Imperial College and the Natural History Museum did not receive the support I had hoped for although I was able to encourage 50 individuals and outside organizations to take part in the first survey on Soil and earth worms. The second survey is now available related to Lichens and an Air survey. This will be followed by projects on Biodiversity, Water and Climate. If you do nothing else related to the environment, can I suggest that all members find time to log onto www.opalexplornature.org and see what is available there. I guarantee you will find it surprisingly interesting and it could open up new activities for your club, other organizations in your locality, schools, youth groups, and your families!

Cultural & Community Activities – PDG Lion Barrie Richardson

The main emphasise has again been on the implementation of the **District 105D Musical Competition**.

The Competition is progressive with the winner going on to represent the District in the Multiple District Competition. In turn a candidate is selected to represent the Multiple District in the Competition held at the venue of the Lions Europa Forum. Prizes are awarded at District, Multiple District and Europa Forum stages. It is important that prospective Candidates are made aware of the progressive nature of the competition and can commit to attending the subsequent competitions should they be successful.

This year the competition has taken a new dimension and has gone global with LCI adopting a similar competition at the International Convention in Sydney. Last years Europa Forum winner our very own Sophie Rosa sponsored by the Vale Royal Lions Club of 105BS will represent our Multiple District and the Constitutional Area of Europe alongside six entries from the remaining Constitutional Areas.

Last years competition featured the trombone but did not attract any entries from our District with the result that not only was the District Competition abandoned but for the first time since the competition was adopted by our Multiple District we did not have an entry in the MD Competition.

I was unable to attend the MD Competition that took place on 4th April 2009 at the Birmingham Conservatoire where I understand that nine Districts had entries. The winner was Stephen Sykes from Shepton Mallet in Somerset sponsored by the Glastonbury and Street Club of District 105SW who went on to represent our MD at the Europa Forum Competition in Tampere, Finland.

This year's competition features the classical guitar and full details were issued to Clubs and Cabinet Officers in the May District Mailing and posted on the District Website at www.lions105d.org.uk with a closing date for entries of 31st December 2009. At the date of writing this report I have received one entry from the Gillingham, Mere & Shaftsbury Club

The Committee appointed to organise and oversee our District Competition comprises Lion PCC David Hitchins, Lion Reg Norton and Lion Lynden McIntyre with my self as Chairman.

The winner of our District Competition will be announced and presented at Convention.

District Sight & Lions Eye Health Programme Officer – Lion PDG Patrick Hamblin

This Lionistic year I have issued a number of letters to Clubs, continuing to remind Clubs and helping newer Members understand what we are doing in the 'Sight' area. Further letters will be issued throughout the remainder of the year.

There have been a small number of opportunities to make presentations to Clubs and Zones and it is of concern that more requests for presentations are not received. Raising awareness of sight activities is very important and often a presentation achieves more than the written word.

Spectrek was again very successful and my thanks go to the Petersfield Club for their continuing commitment in arranging each year. Plans are now being made for the 2010 event.

Whilst Campaign SightFirst II is now over, it is very encouraging to look at the Lions Clubs International Website and see what amazing things are being done with some of the funds. There are regular reports of donations on the site.

Our own Lions Sightsavers Trust (Comprehensive Eye Services or 'Eye Camps' for some) is continuing to provide funds for 'Sightsavers International', although this year the donations have been less to date than for the same period last year. There is some work being carried out to update the Lions Eye Health Programme.

We must remember the challenge of Helen Keller in 1925, which is still as relevant today –

'I call on you to be Knights of the Blind'.

District Message in a Bottle Officer - Lion Iain Pudney

The scheme has spread throughout the District with an effective 100% coverage, although some of the coverage is with a different format not run by Lions.

Clubs are being encouraged to reinforce the benefits of the scheme and also the benefits of Medic Alert so that we can demonstrate how the two schemes work together to provide information in every environment for those people most at risk in the Community.

The volume of Pallets being ordered is still low due to the complete coverage. It would be really helpful if the requests from District Secretaries to clubs to provide names of Lions who deal with the various activities within a Club were completed and returned to the District Secretary so that the information can be disseminated to the District Officers to help them identify the most appropriate person to contact within a particular club. At present I have to either contact the President or Secretary of a particular Lion, who I happen to know within a Club, if I receive a request for information about the scheme in a particular area. It would be much better if I could contact the correct Lion direct, and avoid delays.

The transfer of the production of the bottles to HM Prison Service has not progressed due to the need to obtain around £50,000 to purchase the Tooling. The MD Officer is planning to investigate potential Funding opportunities during 2010 and to look at other ways in which we can improve the Promotion of the scheme. He is also working on some Promotional material which it is hoped will be available on the MD Website during 2010.

Let us make sure that we promote Message in a Bottle, Medic Alert and other Lions initiatives such as Sight First II to show Lions as a Sharing, Caring organisation which anyone would be proud to become involved with.

Remember, Message in a Bottle is one of the best Promotional aids Lions have and can be used as potent tool in advising potential Members of what Lions are happy to be involved with at a Local Community level.

Diabetes Officer - Richard Fulstow

The work level demand on this role is relatively small, there is therefore very little to report to Convention.

A Lions Tri-fold Diabetes awareness information leaflet describing signs and symptoms of Diabetes is to be updated and then made available to clubs from MD.

Contact had been made with voluntary organisations working to aid those with diabetes.

An information paper giving a list of specialist voluntary organisations willing to assist people affected by Diabetes will be available to 105D clubs to reproduce and distribute to the public at events.

Speech and Hearing Officer – Lion Lynden McIntyre

Deaf Aware Training - a few Lions in our District have attended a Basic Deaf Aware Training Course and received a certificate. If any other Lions are interested in attending such a course please contact me and I can arrange for one to be run in our District.

Mobile Hearing Loop System - Still available to purchase from Bob-on.com at special prices for Lions. The demo unit is owned by my predecessor and is still being tested around the Multiple-District. We hope to have it back in our District in 2010.

Speech Aid Unit - Still being resourced by NHS and private purchasers. I have a Demo Unit available to loan to any Club that may be interested.

Door Hanger Project - We still have a stock of these in our District. These are distributed to Hotels and Guest Houses for use by those Hard of Hearing/Blind or Disabled. Any Clubs wishing a top up of stock please contact me.

Used Hearing Aids - We still collect these to be refurbished and sent to overseas/third world locations.

Medic Alert Officer – Lion Lynden McIntyre

Medic Alert is an emergency identity system where Members wear a custom made bracelet, necklace or watch (known as an emblem) engraved with their personal identification number, medical condition and a 24 Hr emergency contact number. It covers people with hidden medical conditions, allergies, implants or those on special medication.

Lions can assist with donations towards subsidised membership for applicants who are unable afford the talons/fees. Clubs also can request brochures and membership forms from me to distribute leaflets and posters to doctors surgeries/pharmacies and hospitals.

The "Save the one you love" campaign featured Medic Alert members residing in our district - one from Maidenhead with a congenital heart Condition and two members from Berkshire with allergies.

The Green to be seen Project is a bright green identity paper wristband given to children at large crowd events in case they get separated from their parents. We use this scheme in our District at Paultons Park.

District Physical and Learning Disabilities Officer – Lion Jim Godden

Most of my work has consisted of organising the Paultons Park event which was well supported by the District.

I have noted in my travels both business and pleasure that many shops and places of entertainment still do not provide as much as they could by way of better access for physically disabled people.

International Relations Committee Report – Lion Vic Smith

Chairman: PDG Lion Vic Smith

Covering: Dentaïd Partnership
International Relations
LCIF
Europa Forum

PDG Vic Smith
PCC Jeff Byers
Lion Ian Puttock
PDG Barrie Richardson

Chairman's Comments: - The committee have continued to work with diligence in their respective specialisations and regret that the response to their offers to visit Clubs or Zone meetings has been met with little response. However, a large number of the Clubs have responded well to requests for donations.

Dentaïd Liaison Committee Chairman PDG Vic Smith

Committee: - Lions Ian Simpson, Roy Schofield, IPDG Roger Huntley.

The reception given by all attendees at the 2009 Convention to the Dentaïd Presentation by Andy Jong Chief Executive of Dentaïd was excellent and as a result a number of objectives have been reached since March 2009.

The project "Kitonga" for a Dental Surgery has been completed and reports back are awaited.

Sufficient funds have been donated by the Lions Clubs of Blackmore Vale and Exeter for two Portable Dental Chairs with an Instrument Kit, to be shipped to Vietnam for the Charity "Love Of Vietnam Expressed".

Other donations have enabled sponsorship of Ruhooko Hospital Uganda with a Full refurbished Surgery and X-Ray Machine.

Articles on the collection of Dental equipment and Dentaïd Appeals have been published in the Lion Magazine and well as over sixty pick-ups and delivery made to Dentaïd at Landford Nr. Salisbury, by the Lions Clubs throughout the District and Multiple District during the year.

A further change in the Staff at Dentaïd is the retirement of Richard Grapes Engineer who was the Lions sponsored Engineer some eight years ago to progress the refurbishing programme. His replacement is Dave Effamy who has been the second Engineer for a number of years so it is business as usual.

Finally, I would like to draw attention to projects requiring sponsorship for a full refurbished Surgery and X-Ray machine, 1. Lions Club Chisinau Viliumas Moldova 2. Pro Dental Mission Service Nicaragua.

These will be display at our Convention and at the MD105 Convention in Leeds, on the Dentaïd Stand manned by the Committee and Dentaïd representatives.

Thank you Lions Clubs of 105D for your support

PDG Lion Vic Smith

District L.C.I.F./Gift for Living Officer – Ian Puttock

L.C.I.F. is the international charitable arm of Lions Clubs International and is one of the top International Aid Organisations. The purpose of L.C.I.F is to serve local and international communities by funding humanitarian service projects. By contributing to L.C.I.F your generosity brings help, healing, relief, comfort and hope to the many who benefit from the Foundation's supported programmes world-wide. To ensure that funds are used wisely, all funds are distributed through local Lions Clubs in an accountable way. L.C.I.F. grants are made in a number of ways, but range in size from £2,500 up to £500,000. It is possible for our Clubs within our District to receive grants.

The LCIF Board of Trustees approves non-Sight First grants three times a year and, in October last year approved over £1.8million for 46 Lions' projects. Whilst some emergency projects are supported to ensure immediate relief can be given, L.C.I.F. usually comes in after the initial emergency to be involved in longer term rebuilding, ensuring the community remains viable even after the relief efforts have been withdrawn.

Over the last three months over £81,000 has been granted for flood relief in countries as diverse as New Zealand, Brazil, India, Italy Japan and Ireland.

I have written to each Club President to advise of the amounts currently sitting with L.C.I.F. that are eligible to be used for the purchase of Melvin Jones Fellowships (current cost around £600). The award can honour a Lion or a member of the community.

Please do not forget the Bert Mason Humanitarian Award for exceptional Humanitarian Service by a Lion in the Multi-District. This award costs £320 of which £150 is donated to LCIF, £150 to MD105 for UK Humanitarian purposes and the remaining £20 is for Admin costs.

Gift for Living is a Lions Charity, set up to care for critically ill children in the former Yugoslavia. In the early days, sick children were flown to be treated in the UK but now Gift for Living, working in partnership with Child Advocacy International, create better lives and a better future for children in the former war zone whose treatment has been affected by the breakdown of medical services.

In our District we continue to support the Gift for Living Appeal with a foreign coin collection and via club donations.

Finally I would like to end by thanking all the Clubs in 105D for their continued support of the work of L.C.I.F. and should you wish to know more about their work or indeed are considering making a grant request for a project please do not hesitate to contact me and I will happily come and talk to your Club or Zone.

Lion Ian Puttock

Europa Forum – PDG Lion Barrie Richardson

What is Europa Forum? Quite simply it is the Annual General Meeting of all the Multiple Districts in Europe, our Constitutional Area, very much as our District Convention is the Annual General Meeting of all Clubs within our District. Business takes place over three days with added social events. Voting on any Resolutions proposed is on the basis of one vote for each Multiple District present.

My job as I see it, is to encourage participation by members of our District, disseminate information as it is received, encourage Clubs, Zones and Regions to prepare and submit reports of successful activities which could be considered for inclusion in future Forums and to investigate Group travel facilities for members attending where this is practicable.

A total of 11 Lions and Partners from this District attended the **55th Europa Forum** held in **Tampere, Finland, on 17th to 19th September 2009**. In all 7 Clubs from within our District were represented and our Delegation was the largest from the thirteen Districts representing MD 105.

Detailed papers in support of the published programme and accepted proposals for the consideration of the European Council were all made available by the due dates as the Rules of Procedure.

The Forum was held in the Tampere Hall a purpose built conference centre with excellent facilities for all parts of the programme.

The organisation was excellent and our Finish Hosts are to be congratulated on a well run and enjoyable Forum.

Presentations and voting at the plenary sessions of the European Council were as follows:

1. The Minutes of Europa Forum 2008, Cannes (presented in Tampere and comprising of the Minutes of the three European Council Meetings only) were approved.
2. The report of the EF Accountant incorporating the Accounts of the Europa Forum 2008, Cannes was approved.
3. D132 Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia was unanimously accepted as a Member of Europa Forum.
4. Application of the Provisional Zone Ukraine to become a Member of Europa Forum was unanimously approved.
5. Presentation and voting of the theme “Lions the leaders for humanitarian and European citizenship” for the Europa Forum 2010, Bologna, Italy was approved.
6. Candidacy for Europa Forum 2012 - A formal proposal from MD113 Belgium to host in Brussels on a date yet to be advised was accepted.
7. Candidacy for Europa Forum 2013 - A formal proposal from MD118 Turkey to host in Istanbul on a date yet to be advised was accepted.

8. Proposal of the new Rules of Procedure and Standing Orders for the Europa Forum as prepared by the appointed standing committee under the chairmanship of PID Phil Nathan was approved.
9. The Proposal by MD 111 Germany to appoint a Steering Committee for Europe, after a lot of behind the scenes negotiation and on a proposal by MD105, was referred to the standing committee appointed to review the Rules of Procedure for consideration and to report back to the next Europa Forum.
10. Proposal by MD108 Italy for setting up a network connecting the Lions Organizations in each European Country working on Hearing & Speech programs was accepted.
11. PCC Per Christensen MD106 Denmark, CC Gudrun Yngvadottir MD109 Iceland and PDG Janez Bohoric D129 Slovenia were all presented as International Director Candidates for 2010-2012.
12. Proposal from the Euro Africa Committee that they be allowed to build up a relationship with the All Africa Conference to promote and further enhance this partnership at no cost to EF was adopted.
13. Proposal from the European Young Ambassador Competition Committee that a member of the Committee is appointed to the Host Planning Committee for forthcoming Europa Forums to provide coordination; That the competition has its own logo to give it European status; To reduce the cost of the competition to MD's that consideration be given to accommodating the candidates with Lions families or Leos wherever possible; The current Chairperson be reappointed for a further term of three years; Confirmation that the committee for the next year would comprise of members from Italy, Holland, Finland and France. All five points were considered together and adopted.
14. From the sessions on UNO, Council of Europe, WHO, FAO, UNESCO & UNICEF the participants recommended that the Lions Magazine editions should carry information on LCI participation on these committees was adopted.

During the Closing Ceremony a presentation was made in respect of Europa Forum 2010, Bologna, Italy that will take place on 4th to 6th November 2010.

Our entry in the European Musical Competition, Stephen Sykes winner of our MD competition from District 105SW made it into the "best six" but was then unplaced. He proved to be an excellent ambassador for MD105.

Our entry in the European Young Ambassador Competition, Hannah Johnson our District winner and winner of our MD competition who was so ably supported by members of the Jersey Club was placed second. Again she proved to be an excellent ambassador for both our District and MD105.

Full details of the proceedings together with an excellent photo gallery have been published on the official Forum website at www.europaforum2009.fi.

As those that were returning on the Sunday had late flights we were able at short notice and with the considerable assistance of the Finnish Lions to arrange a conducted sightseeing coach tour of Tampere with dinner in the evening before departing for the Airport.

We enjoyed fun, fellowship and generally warm sunny weather.

56th Europa Forum, 4th to 6th November 2010, Bologna, Italy. At the time of writing this report some information is available on the official Forum website at www.europaforum2010.it that is still under construction. I do know that they will be providing an "early bird" discount for Registration prior to 1st July 2010. I will provide further information when this becomes available.

PDG Lion Barrie Richardson

International Relations – PCC Lion Jeff Byers

□ The half yearly Lions UNICEF newsletter and also a letter from the MD IRO about the 2010 Lions UN days were included in the end of November mail out from MDHQ. An article on similar lines to the Lions UN day letter appeared in the December/January edition of the Lion magazine. Work is in progress with UNICEF to produce an updated Edukits leaflet for Clubs, which will reflect recent changes to the contents of the Edukits. This will be available in February. A number of questions and enquiries from Clubs etc primarily re twinning continue to be dealt with. Despite the recession Clubs are doing well and I am very pleased with the way donations are coming in. In the fiscal year 2008-2009 we donated £55,790 to WaterAid and a further £26,543 has been received since then. In 2009 over £25,000 has been given to UNICEF for the Edukits programme, while £8000 has been donated to the Malawi education scheme working through the Lions Clubs of Blantyre, Mzuzu and Zomba. The Malawi sponsorship starts from January each year and concludes in the December. It is therefore requested that Clubs consider their sponsorship for the calendar year of 2010.

□ Tragedy in El Salvador - once more tragedy has affected a South American Country, there has been a terrible catastrophe in El Salvador. More than 160 people have died and almost 13,000 people have lost their homes through flooding, which is a tremendous number for a small country like El Salvador, although it seems to have attracted little attention in the media. LCIF has set up an "El Salvador 2009 fund," but the District Governor of El Salvador (there is only one District for the whole country) has requested help from European Lions via International Director Luis Dominguez from Spain. Luis will be the International guest at the District Convention of District 105W in March. If any Clubs in our district feel that they would wish to contribute, please give me a ring. The only point that I would make is that LCIF have a great deal of money lying in designated/restricted funds which can not be used for anything else. It may make more sense to send money to LCIF in general.

No contact has been made with our Twin District 111SW in Germany since the Europa Forum but it is my intention of speaking to them in January re their Convention and our own Convention.

PCC Lion Jeff Byers

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

DISTRICT 105D

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CONVENTION STANDING ORDERS

(INCORPORATING ALL ACCEPTED AMENDMENTS THROUGH MARCH 1999)

CHAIRMAN

1. The Chairman shall have discretion in selecting speakers, in deciding on the number of speakers to any resolution/amendment and in terminating discussion whenever he considers it appropriate.
2. The Chairman, being entirely neutral, shall not be a delegate of his Club and if at any time he wishes to express a personal opinion on a matter under discussion he shall vacate the Chair for this purpose.

SPEAKERS

3. On the Chairman standing any speaker shall yield to the Chair and immediately resume his seat.
4. (a) Any person wishing to speak on any report/resolution/amendment or other matter of business, must use a microphone, announce his name and Club, and address the Chair.

(b) With the exception of the provision for the Chairman in accordance with Clause 2 above, a member of Cabinet speaking on any report/resolution/ amendment or other matter of business shall be deemed to be representing his personal views unless he states otherwise.

(c) Unless Convention decides otherwise, only the Chairman, and the mover of a resolution in exercising his right of reply, shall speak more than once on any report/resolution/amendment.

RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

5. (a) Resolutions/amendments will be moved by:
 - (i) Nominees on behalf of Cabinet; or
 - (ii) A member on behalf of the Club submitting the resolution/amendment.
- (b) Resolutions/amendments will be seconded by a member on behalf of a Club other than in Clause 5(a)(ii) above.

6. (a) If no member is present from a Club submitting a resolution/amendment then, unless that Club advises the Resolutions Officer in writing before the commencement of the Convention of the names of a mover and seconder each from other separate Clubs, the resolution/amendment shall be withdrawn unless Convention shall otherwise decide. With this one exception no resolution/ amendment may be withdrawn after the Convention Call has been issued and Clubs have been notified of the proposed resolution/amendment, without the consent of Convention;
- (b) If a resolution be withdrawn with the consent of Convention and there has been an amendment submitted to that resolution then that amended resolution shall become the substantive resolution;
- (c) Each resolution/amendment shall be moved and seconded before consideration by Convention, and not more than one resolution/amendment shall be discussed at any one time;
- (d) No person shall move more than one amendment to any resolution nor shall the mover of a resolution move any amendment to such resolution;
- (e) Where appropriate, resolutions/amendments will be put for consideration immediately following the adoption of the relevant District Officer's report.

TIME LIMITS FOR SPEECHES

7. (a) The mover of a resolution/amendment will be permitted a maximum of three minutes to put their case, and after doing so shall formally move the resolution/amendment, The seconder will only formally second the resolution/ amendment but may reserve the right to speak later. At the conclusion of the debate and before a vote is taken on a resolution the mover of the resolution only shall have the right of reply for the purpose of answering questions or clarifying points raised, and shall not be allowed more than two minutes for this purpose. They will not be permitted to introduce fresh arguments.
 - (b) The mover of an amendment shall not be entitled to the right of reply except when an original resolution has been displaced by an amendment which has become a substantive resolution in accordance with Clause 6(b) above when the right of reply ensues to the mover of the amendment.
8. (a) With the exception of the time limits stated in Clause 7(a) each speaker in general debate will be limited to one minute and must direct their comments directly to the report/resolution/amendment under discussion.
 - (b) The times specified for speakers may be exceeded only with the approval of convention.

VOTING

9. The Voting on any report/resolution/amendment on general business shall be by a show of Delegate Cards of those present and Voting. The Chairman shall declare the result or order a count. If the Chairman's declaration is challenged by 20 (twenty) or more registered delegates, the votes shall be counted.
10. Any elections of candidates for office shall be by secret written ballot and such elections shall be carried out by the method commonly called the Single Transferable Vote or Preferential Voting or the Alternative Vote."
11. In the event of a tie following a show of hands or secret ballot the Chairman shall cast the deciding vote.

MOTION PROCEED TO NEXT BUSINESS

12. Any person, provided he has not already spoken on the matter under discussion, may move at any time that Convention proceed to next business, and if this proposal be seconded the Chairman shall put the matter to Convention after discussion and the mover of the resolution has been offered the right of reply.

POINT OF ORDER OR QUESTION

13. Any person may at any time ask a question or raise a point of order through the Chair but must confine the question or point of order to the subject before Convention.

IMPLEMENTATION OF, AND AMENDMENTS TO, STANDING ORDERS

- 14 (a) These Standing Orders shall take full force and effect following adoption by a duly proposed resolution accepted at Convention by a majority vote of not less than two-thirds of voting registered delegates, or their alternates, as the case may be.

(b) These Standing Orders can only be amended by a duly proposed resolution adopted at Convention by a majority vote of not less than two-thirds of voting registered delegates, or their alternates, as the case may be.

END

**NOTES ATTACHING TO, BUT NOT FORMING PART OF,
DISTRICT 105D CONVENTION STANDING ORDERS**

District 105D Constitution (incorporating all accepted amendments through March 1999) includes, inter alia, the following provisions relating to District Conventions:

Article IX, Section 3

CHAIRMAN

The Governor should preside at all sessions of the Convention. In his absence the Vice-Governor should preside, failing this the Immediate Past Governor should preside. In the event of non-availability of any of the foregoing persons the most recent Past Governor available will preside.

Article VIII, Section 2

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

- (a) The Governor shall have power to accept an emergency resolution or amendment at Convention if, in his opinion, such resolution or amendment could not have reasonably been submitted in writing to the officer appointed on or before the date stipulated.
- (b) Such emergency resolution or amendment shall only be presented for consideration with the approval of Convention.

Article IX, Section 2

QUORUM

- (a) The delegates (or their alternates, as the case may be) in attendance at a Convention session shall constitute a quorum provided that there shall be at least one representative from each of a majority of the total number of Clubs making up the District.
- (b) If no quorum is present the session shall be adjourned to a time and place to be appointed by the Governor.

Article IX, Section 5(b)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Convention may suspend all or part of Standing Orders by a majority decision of registered voting delegates at any time during the business of Convention.

END

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 105D

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT DISTRICT CONVENTION 2010

Resolution No. 1

Proposed and seconded by The District Cabinet

Amendments to District 105D Standing Orders

Resolutions to be taken as read and Seconder not to be called to the rostrum

This Convention Resolves that the District 105D Standing Orders be amended as follows:

- (a) "a new section to be numbered 6 as detailed below to be added to District 105D Convention Standing Orders forming part of District 105D Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Orders and the following sections renumbered accordingly."

"Resolutions and Amendments

6. Resolutions to be taken as read."

- (b) "Amend District 105D Convention Standing Orders, second sentence in Time Limit for Speeches 7 (a) to read "Normally the seconder will second the resolution without being called to the rostrum and may exercise the right to speak in the debate by 'catching the eye of the Chairman'."

EXPLANATORY NOTES

With details of the resolutions and amendments being extensively circulated before and at Convention and being shown on the screen during debate it is sought to dispense with reading the resolutions aloud to Convention and so streamline this element of the business meeting.

Dispensing with the calling of the seconder to the rostrum is also to quicken up the process of dealing with resolutions.

Two-thirds majority required.

Resolution No. 2

Proposed and seconded by The District Cabinet

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

This Convention resolves that:

"Messrs Gilroy & Brookes, Chartered Accountants of Alton, be sincerely thanked for their services to the District in the past and that they be, and the same are hereby, re-appointed as Auditor to the District for the forthcoming Year."

NOTE: Article IV Section 4 (a) of District 105D Constitution (as adopted March 1984 – with amendments to March 2009) reads:

"The Governor or Cabinet shall provide for an audit of the books, records and Financial Statements of the District covering the Year by a suitably qualified auditor to be appointed (or re-appointed as the case may be) by resolution at Convention in the Year".

2010-2011 PER-CAPITA LEVY

This Convention resolves that:

“The District Per Capita Levy for the Fiscal Year 2010/2011 shall be in the sum of £9.00p per Lion. This shall be payable in two equal instalments - £4.50p per Lion by 1 August 2010 based upon the known membership as at 30 June 2010 and £4.50p per Lion by 1 February 2011 based upon the known membership as at 31 December 2010.”

NOTE : *Article IV Section 1 of District 105D Constitution (as adopted March 1984 – with amendments to March 2009) reads :*

(a) (i) To provide revenue to defray administration and Convention expenses of the District, and such other matters as the Governor or Cabinet shall from time to time deem fit, a Per Capita levy for a Year shall be collected from each Club by the District Treasurer at such times and in such amounts as shall be passed by way of Resolution proposed by District Cabinet at Convention held in the previous Year.

(ii) In the event that any Resolution to determine a Per-Capita levy for a Year is not passed at Convention held in the previous Year, the amounts collectable from each Club for the Year shall remain those as determined at the most recent preceding Convention.

(b) Clubs organised or re-organised during the Year shall be liable to pay per-capita dues calculated on a pro-rata basis commencing from the first day of the month following the date of their organisation or re-organisation meeting.

(c) From and after 1 July 2000 Cabinet shall be empowered to levy a carrying charge, not exceeding £10.00p as shall be determined at their first meeting in the Year, on any Per-Capita Levy not settled in full by the due date.

Explanatory notes: At the November 2009 meeting the Finance Committee reviewed the budget for the next year. Reconciled figures for 2008-2009 were discussed, together with balances in reserves and it was decided that the budget should remain in line with previous years. The budget has been reconfigured to reflect costs incurred by each committee.

The anticipated costs for running the District equate to £20,171. The Committee considered the membership number should be 1,400 for budget purposes. This would make the dues £14.40 per member. After discussion the Committee recommended that the dues should remain constant at £9.00 per member for 2010 - 2011, with the balance being taken from reserves.

EXPLANATORY NOTES BUDGET PLAN 2010-2011

Budget Plan

- Uses membership of 1400
- This budget does not include any estimate for income earned from either bank deposit interest or MBNA card royalty. Both these items negligible at the time of preparing the budget.
- No bank charges are to be expected as the automatic transfer facility has been cancelled
- This budget does not include any provision for any deficits which may arise from District Conventions. This element is unknown and no amount anticipated at the time of preparing the Convention budgets. Should any shortfall arise as a result of unforeseen circumstances this will be met from Administration Reserves.
- Standard level of insurance for equipment and regalia provided adequate cover. No additional premium required
- Anticipated expenditure of £20,171 would require £7571 from reserves (approx £5.40 per member)
- Consideration has previously been given to a reduction in the level of dues to avoid excessively high reserves
- Planned expenditure from reserves for 2008-2009 was not used
- It is recommended for 2010-2011 that dues remain constant at £9 per member
- Future increase in dues. If budgeted amounts for both 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 are taken from reserve funds this would leave reserves roughly comparable to annual expenditure for one year. At this time an increase in membership dues would be recommended to maintain reserve funds at an acceptable level.

Linda Picton
December 2009

105D ADMINISTRATION

	2007-2008 Audited 30.6.08	2008-2009 BUDGET	2008-2009 Audited 30.6.09	2009-2010 BUDGET	YTD 20-Dec-09	2010-2011 PLAN Dec-09
Incoming Resources						
Membership Dues	13240	12600	12584	12600	6286	12600
Interest Net	1059	400	307	500		
Affinity Card after Royalties	312		287			
Sundry Income (Eco Bags)	476		24		332	
Leos(Closure Dist.Leo a/c)	0		791			
Total Income	15087	13000	13993	13100	6618	12600
Resources Expended						
District						
Expenses District Governor	800	800	800	800	400	800
Expenses District Secretary	624	1250	415	1000	398	1000
Expenses District Treasurer	467	500	224	450	108	400
Sgt at Arms		150	94	150		120
Almoner		100		100	44	120
Region 1	143	200	141	250	109	250
Region 2	361	200	198	400	186	400
Region 3	117	200	167	250	25	250
Region 4	44	200	0	250		250
Region 5	166	200	79	250		250
Forums & Other Room Hire	1280	1000	733	1500	200	1500
Insurance	53	100	0	100		
Equipment/Regalia	96	200	162	200		200
Island Travel	593	700	566	750	77	800
Bank Charges	240		140			
Tax			3			
Room Hire (Cabinet)		500	536	550	200	700
Miscellaneous	7	200	0	200	80	200
Total District	4991	6500	4259	7200	1827	7240
Committees						
Community Service	336	1300	822	2225	38	1500
Convention	1563	2500	2387	3700	2637	3131
Convention Social	7239		1724			
Long Range Planning	104	400	80	500	187	700
Communications	441	700	395	700	204	750
International Relations	277	550	224	600		600
Membership Drives (net)	0	500	50	500		500
MERL	847	1500	1486	1500	115	1700
Newsletter	332	500	496	500	130	450
Training	0		-90			
Lord Mayor Show	0	400	527	400	282	500
PR	1818	500	0	700		500
Youth	650	1500	939	1500	114	2000
Finance	353	300	226	600	178	600
Total Committees	13960	10650	9266	13425	3885	12931
Total Expenses	18951	17150	13525	20625	5712	20171
Shortfall/Surplus	-3864	-4150	468	-7525	906	-7571
Members	1400	1380	1400	1400		1400
	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00		9.00
Reserves						
Administration	25715		26628	19103		11532
Leos	0		791	791		791
Convention Business	5000		5000	5000		5000
Convention Social	0		0	0		
Membership	2445		2445	2445		2445
Total Reserves	33160		34864	27339		19768

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Resolution No. 4

Proposed by The Lions Club of Blackmore Vale
Seconded by The Lions Club of Westbury

**PROPOSAL TO SUBMIT A RESOLUTION TO MD CONVENTION
CENSURING THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS FOR UNCONSTITUTIONAL ACTS**

This Convention of District 105D of The International Association of Lions Clubs hereby resolves to table the following resolution at the Convention of Multiple District 105 to be held in Leeds on Saturday 1st May 2010:

This Convention of Multiple District 105 of The International Association of Lions Clubs hereby strongly censures the Council of Governors 2008-2009 for operating a "Management Committee" in contravention of the Constitution of this Multiple District (and as interpreted by Roberts Rules of Order). This Convention further strongly censures the Council of Governors 2009-2010 for continuing to allow the "Management Committee" to operate in contravention of the Multiple District Constitution and in defiance of the defeated Resolution No.3 of the Multiple District Convention held in Southport on 25th April 2009.

Explanatory Note: *Article II Section 13 clearly states: "Committees shall consist of not more than five and not less than three members". Since its formation, the "Management Committee" has comprised 4 Past District Governors, the Council Secretary, the Council Treasurer and a Chairman – 7 members in all. After the defeat of Resolution 3 at the last MD Convention, some members of the "Committee" attended (permanently) by invitation. In such cases, Roberts Rules of Order classifies these people as "Members of the Committee", thus the "Management Committee remained unconstitutional.*

Resolution No. 5

Proposed by The Lions Club of Blackmore Vale
Seconded by The Lions Club of Westbury

**PROPOSAL TO SUBMIT A RESOLUTION TO MD CONVENTION
TO DISBAND THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

This Convention of District 105D of The International Association of Lions Clubs hereby resolves to table the following resolution at the Convention of Multiple District 105 to be held in Leeds on Saturday 1st May 2010:

In view of the defiance of two successive Councils of Governors of the wishes of the members of this Multiple District and its Constitution, this Convention of MD105 instructs that the "Management Committee" be disbanded forthwith and that no further monies of the Multiple District be paid to defray the travelling and subsistence costs of any person or persons who may attend a subsequent meeting in defiance of this Resolution.

Explanatory Note: *At the last MD Convention, a Resolution was tabled to change the Constitution to 'legitimise' the Management Committee. This Resolution was defeated. The Management Committee has continued to operate as described in Explanatory Note 1 in defiance of the Members democratic decision to defeat the Resolution and the democratically expressed wishes of the membership.*

Resolution No. 6

Proposed by The Lions Club of Blackmore Vale
Seconded by The Lions Club of Westbury

**PROPOSAL TO SUBMIT A RESOLUTION TO MD CONVENTION
TO PUT IN PLACE MONITORING PROCEDURES CARRIED OUT BY THE “DISBANDED”
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

This Convention of District 105D of The International Association of Lions Clubs hereby resolves to table the following resolution at the Convention of Multiple District 105 to be held in Leeds on Saturday 1st May 2010:

This Convention of Multiple District 105 hereby resolves to instruct the Council of Governors to put in place such measures as are appropriate to monitor and oversee the operations of the Multiple District Headquarters and its staff and, the Financial affairs of the Multiple District and, that such arrangements are in compliance with the current requirements of the Multiple District Convention.

Explanatory Note: *When the Management Committee was set up, it took over responsibility for two previous Multiple District Committees, the MDHQ Panel and the Finance Committee. This Resolution recognises the need for these functions to continue and instructs the Council of Governors to put in place appropriate measures for this to happen. **Should Resolution 5 above fail, this Resolution will be withdrawn, as it will serve no purpose.***

Resolution No. 7

Proposed by The Lions Club of Blackmore Vale
Seconded by The Lions Club of Westbury

PROPOSAL TO SUBMIT A RESOLUTION TO MD CONVENTION

This Convention of District 105D of the International Association of Lions Clubs hereby resolves that in view of the substantial increase in costs for years 2007/2008 that the Council of Governors are requested to order an immediate review of all operational costs in order to make cost savings that will ensure the very best use is made of Lions Clubs monies and that there be no increase in members dues in these austere times.

Explanatory note:

Cost figures on record for the years 2007 and 2008 are as follows:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Salaries	53069	67505
MDO Offices	28912	34443
Printing and stationery	4105	8240
Post and telephone	6453	10300
C of G and seminars	20430	24637
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Totals	112969	145125

This is an overall increase in expenditure of £32156 - OVER 28%

EXPLANATORY NOTES **Accounts 2008-2009** (all figures rounded)

Administration Account:

All opening debtors/creditors cleared.

Eco Bags:	Figure is balance of income over expenditure. Estimated stock of 325 bags @ 94p each assumed.
Forums & Other room hire:	sum of: Forums £732.75 Cabinet Room hire £546.80
Tax:	Corporation Tax – difference between tax paid and Corporation Tax due (payable on interest earned for year)
Convention Social:	Overspend taken from Administration Reserves. In the main this is result of unexpected charges for IOW ferry.
Training:	Income received from contributions attendees NVQ sessions. Yr end creditor Steward Event Training (£200) results in £90 balance to be ring fenced against future events.
PR:	Expenditure balanced out by £1,000 grant. No other expenditure for the year. Main activity within Lord Mayor Show.
Tax Provision:	Historical provision for tax and Oakbrook Royalty no longer required and has been moved to administration reserves.
Yr end Creditor:	Tailtwister Cabinet Meeting – to DG Partner Charity. This amount taken into consideration when making payment to DG Partner Charity.

Charity Trust Account:

Malawi Education:	Balance : yr 3 pre-payment by Windsor Lions Club
Paultons Park:	Paultons Park invoiced for tickets through the gate on the day. Payment received for numbers agreed by clubs. Balance to reserve fund to be used to offset any price increase for future event.
Unspecified:	Historic transaction. Possibility that this also relates to Paultons Park previous years. Notes prepared by Arthur Poulton refer.
Interest:	Reduced by bank charges Expenditure: £750 Sight Savers overpayment previous years due to incorrect provision being made in 2006-2007 year end accounts. Agreed by Cabinet. £150 top up gift LCIF international guest
Undesignated:	£700 historic transaction Relates to query 05/06 MJF transaction completed To be moved to general reserves during 09/10 Notes prepared by Arthur Poulton refer.
Yr end Creditors:	Wateraid £100, CSFII £130 and LIBRA £50 late payments received cleared August 09 remittance schedule.

NO interest received on investments w.e.f. January 2009. Automatic transfer facility cancelled saving service charges of £20 per month. 3 month interim period January – March charges refunded in full by HSBC.

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