

Does your club have a web site?

Also in attendance in the exhibition area at Convention will be a company run by the Vice President of Fleet Lions Club, Lion Tom Sayers, who specializes in assisting Clubs to develop a web site, I will leave the detailed explanation to Tom, but I understand that he can provide a very user friendly software and web site support package, at an extremely reasonable cost. I stand to be corrected, but I understand the cost could be as little as £50

Two additional very good reasons to attend the District 105D Convention.

2009-2010 Multiple District Directories.

Some will already be aware that the Multiple District Directory will not be available in hard copy form next year, it will however be available on line for those who need it.

Faced with the likelihood of having to increase the MD Dues by £2 per member and the fluctuation of the exchange rate having the effect of a considerable increase with the International Dues (approx £7) it was felt that action was needed to prevent a possible severe drop in membership, which in turn would exacerbate the situation even more, due to there being fewer members to spread the cost over, a saving of some £13,000 will be made by not printing the directory and with careful trimming of a couple of other budgets, an increase in dues can be avoided altogether. The District Directory will of course be produced as normal.

We welcome the following Lions who have recently joined us:-

Lion Mike Shipley (Crofton).
Lion Roger Morfill (Meon Valley).
Lion Jean Parker (New Forest).
Lion Kate Nunney (Ringwood & Fordingbridge).
Lion Anna Diamond (Romsey).
Lion Jean Stone (Romsey).
Lion Tony Ballard (Warminster).

Haiti Disasters – Humanitarian Aid.

There are three Lions Clubs in Haiti which is an area that has been struck by severe disaster, we have been trying for some time to establish the extent of the devastation and also what help is needed As far as we can establish, no assistance has been provided by LCIF for what reason we do not know at this stage.

Due to the large scale devastation, communication has been difficult, but contact has at last been established with what appears to be and Alpha Leo Club "Leo Club Alpha d'Haiti" and we learn that

70% of the population are living in poverty, with prevalent high levels of disease, malnutrition with many being made homeless, especially children. It would appear that the Alpha Leo Club (possibly with the aid of a Lions Club) but who knows in that country, as things are so different, they are currently trying to look after 60 children, but do not have access to Medicines, food, sheets, blankets, mattresses, money, clothes etc., all of which are urgently needed. If your Club would like to help take this humanitarian cause forward, can I please ask that you contact Lion President Steve Spencer of the Lions club of Burnham. Who have now managed to make an initial breakthrough.

DG's Diary March

2nd Wareham.
3rd Gosport & Lee on Solent OV.
4th Fleet OV.
6th - 8th 105A Convention, Heathrow.
9th Sherborne OV.
11th Wokingham OV
12th Westbury OV.
14th Poole CA Lunch.
20th - 22nd 105D Convention.
24th UN Day London.
28th Hook & Odiham CA.

April.

1st Dorchester OV.
2nd Newport OV.
3rd Eastleigh OV.
4th Romsey CA.
5th Ryde CA.
6th Meon Valley OV.
7th Petersfield OV.
8th Gillingham, Mere & Shaftesbury OV.
9th Ventnor OV.
15th Salisbury OV.
16th Bracknell Forest OV.
17th Warminster CA.
18th Bournemouth CA.
19th Henley on Thames CA.
20th Goring, Woodcote & District OV.
23rd – 26th Council of Governors & MD Convention, Southport.
29th Zone 5L&M.

Obituary

I Sadly report that Lion Pat Young of Wimborne & Ferndown Lions Club has recently passed to higher service, may he rest in peace.

DG Roger & Ann



DISTRICT GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER - 105D MARCH 2009



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Well here we are at March already, still some clubs to visit but the programme is sadly now on countdown, and there are around about 20 Charter anniversaries still to attend, all of the Club visits and Charter Anniversaries attended have been truly wonderful occasions, with special congratulations to Lion Secretary Dave Woolford

on his being presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship by his Club at the recent Weymouth & Portland Charter Anniversary.

We are now into the Convention period, Ann and I will be attending the 105A District Convention 6th 7th March and then of course we have our own District Convention 20th to 22nd March at Norton Grange, Yarmouth on the Isle of Wight.

Following the Cabinet meeting on the afternoon of Friday 20th March Convention will then kick off with a let your hair down evening of fun and fellowship, the host committee has a fun packed evening in store for us, remember the theme is aviation, so do come suitably prepared and remember tickets or boarding passes will need to be produced for all events and meals, Saturday will be the District AGM business session after which we relax for an hour or so before getting into our dinner suites and dresses for the Banquet and Ball in the evening with our international Guests Lion Ron and Janet Luxton from New Zealand and the principal guest of the evening, the High Sheriff of the Isle of Wight, Television Presenter Alan Titchmarsh MBE VMH DL who I am sure will deliver an extremely interesting speech on behalf of the guests, Alan will of course be accompanied by his good lady wife Alison. If you are still thinking about attending all or part of the weekend, can I please urge you to book in as soon as possible, to help the committee with their planning.

Corporate Re-Branding

Samples of the suggested new Multiple District promotion and brochure designs etc., are now available, I have one set in draft print form and also a disc with the Multiple District power point presentation on, which I will make available at Convention for comment by those interested,

initial thoughts are that due to the use of some very dense colour, it will not be very printer friendly, and will be very costly to re-produce.



The picture shows Hannah, the Mayor of Dudley and Lion Don Crabtree

Young Ambassador of the 21st Century Award.

Brilliant!!! Well done Hannah Johnson.

Well following our District final in January, who would have thought that we would be talking about it again this month, after a wait of some 27 years our candidate from District 105D has won the Multiple

District Final and will now go forward to the European Final at Europa Forum in Finland, I would like to express my sincere thanks to The Lions Club of Jersey for making this wonderful experience available to Hannah and supporting her throughout, also to Hannah's mum Carol. Thanks also to DO Lion Don Crabtree for his input and VDG Lion Judith for representing me at the MD Final. Hannah is a truly remarkable, outstanding young lady, who has proven to be a credit to her family and our District and I am sure that members will be looking forward to her address at the District Convention. Well done Hannah and thank you. PS apologies for the name change in last months Newsletter.

Chocolate Easter Eggs & Bunnies

I know that some Clubs have this year been experiencing difficulty with obtaining large chocolate Easter Eggs for fundraising due to the company from Dorchester no longer making them, however, the good news is, that an alternative company who in fact advertised in the last edition of the Lion magazine. John Bull (Confectioners) Ltd of Bridlington York. Will be in attendance with a stand in the exhibition area at the forthcoming District Convention 20th to 22nd March.