



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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**Please forgive the lateness of this Newsletter but I wanted to include information from the MD CONVENTION AND 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF LIONS IN MD 105 IN LEEDS**

It hardly seems a year since I was being marched in at Southport as the DG Elect for 105D. I still have two busy months ahead of me but how time flies! This year it was DG (E) Brigid and Mike Hendy's turn to be covered in streamers as they made their way to the stage. I hope they enjoyed the experience as much as John and I did last year. Thank you to all the Lions and Partners who attended Convention this year.

At the moment I have no photos but will include some in next months Newsletter but I felt a short report was needed now.

The highlight for the District Governors was being presented, along with their DG Elects, to our Patron, HRH The Countess of Wessex at a special reception on Thursday evening at which the Lord Lieutenant, The Lord Mayor of Leeds, our International President Eberhard Wirfs and his wife Lion Margit were also present. I introduced myself as her District Governor! This was followed by the above touring the dining room to talk to some of the other guests so that all present were able to meet one of them. Unfortunately our Patron had to return to London before dinner but not before she gave a very interesting speech which showed her interest in and knowledge of Lionism especially in this MD.

Friday afternoon saw the International Show in the magnificent Leeds Town Hall. Pipe Bands, Irish Dancers, Male Voice Choirs and a Brass Quintet entertained us but the highlight for me was the rendition of Vidor's Tocatta and Fugue on the splendid organ.

The Business sessions followed on Saturday and Sunday. The programme had to be altered more than once due to the International President changing his itinerary but our Council Chairman Andy took it in his stride.

Saturday was the day the election to seek an endorsed candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice International President was held with PID Phil Nathan coming out a clear winner. I would ask everyone, whatever their feelings about the candidates to support PID Phil and to put differences behind them in the true spirit of Lionism.

The Resolutions were circulated prior to Convention and Resolutions 1(Per Capita Levy), Resolution 2 (Directories) and 5 (Contributions to Youth Funds) were carried. The Amendment to Resolution 2 was Lost as was resolution 3 (Request for review of MD Costs). Resolution 4 (asking for electronic version of LION) was withdrawn. An emergency resolution calling for LCI to add sub titles on all DVD'S etc was Carried.

In addition there were presentations related to Sight, and updates on MD projects including Special Olympics and Korle Bu which all helped to make it an excellent Convention.

The International President presented several awards including International Presidents medals to PID Philip Daubeney and PDG Mike Hendy from 105D.

The Host Night with the Sixties Theme was well attended and there were some ingenious costumes. On Saturday the Banquet and Ball saw over 900 people sit down to a good meal with excellent entertainment from the Band of the Royal Signals and the Mike Smith big band. My contribution was to toast the Partners and Guests.

Sunday evening saw the 105D Dinner at which 33 Lions were present. We all enjoyed a good meal and the chance to chat informally amongst ourselves. Thank you Sergeant at Arms Travis for organising the meal.

One sad note occurred on Saturday morning when it was announced at the end of the Opening Ceremony that our own PDG Lion Hans Plate had passed to Higher Service earlier that morning. Convention stood in silence to remember him.

### COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

This, the last of my year, was held in Leeds prior to the Convention and on the Sunday afternoon. We have made various decisions for the good over the year and I hope the incoming Council under their Chairman

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Jacqui Prebble have as good and united year as my Council have done.

### CLUB VISITS

These are now nearly completed. We are making a couple of return visits for presentations which could not be done before. I have been made to **feel so welcome** and I thank you all for this. All clubs are slightly different in their organisation but what really matters is that ALL Clubs are doing their very best to help their local communities and the wider world. It is fascinating to hear about your projects and how you spend your money and help others.

**CHARTER ANNIVERSARIES** There are still ten to attend before the end of June and I look forward to all of them. There have been some special ones

**Hook and Odiham** My own club and very special to me. It was good to have PDG Ernie Howard attend to present me and Brenda Hailstone with our 10 year chevrons as he had inducted us in 2000.

**Petersfield Charter** Immediate Past President John Sheeley was surprised and delighted to receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship at Petersfield Charter for many years of service both in Petersfield and in 105SE. Well deserved John and so



good that you are so improved in health.

**Ringwood and Fordingbridge** 40<sup>th</sup> Charter The highlight of this Charter was talking to PCC Ken Riley who was DG in 1970 – 71 and who chartered the club. He was invited to respond to the Toast Partners and Guests and he did it splendidly. Ken I hope you have a super 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in October!

### SPEKTREK 2010

Unfortunately I was unable to attend but I did my bit by holding my club's contribution over the year. It was obviously an outstanding success as over 124,000 pairs were collected. Congratulations to all clubs who collect used spectacles and to Petersfield for organizing the day once again. It is such a simple but effective idea and makes such a difference to so many.

### MD MUSIC COMPETITION

Congratulations to Daniel Bovey who came second in the MD Competition. The winner was outstanding as we heard at MD Convention but Daniel did 105D proud. As a result of an article written by David

Taylor (see the 105D website) Daniel now has the money to buy a new guitar. He was told that he was outplaying his current one. Thank you to Gillingham, Mere and Shaftesbury for all that they are doing to support Daniel.

### Important Diary Dates 2009–2010:

**28 June-2 July** International Convention, Sydney, Australia

**18 July** District Handover Novotel Hotel, Southampton

### DG Judith's Jolly Jaunts for May:

5	Finance Meeting	20	Newport MJF Evening
7	Lymington CA	22	PR Day at Salisbury
8	District Training Day	22	Goring, Woodcote CA
9	Paultons Park	23	District Cabinet
10	Sherborne OV	23	District Pre Cabinet
11	Zone J Meeting	29	Basingstoke CA
15	Fareham Charter	30	Blackmore Vale CA
16	Hart Charter		

**Welcome to New Members** I should like to extend a very warm welcome to the following members who have recently joined our District:

Mike Walker (Blandford & District); Margaret Taylor (Christchurch); Andrew Crisp & Daniel Franklin (Fleet); David White (Goring and Woodcote); Lynette Price & Katie Standen (Hayling Island); Andrew and Valerie Ridgeway (Jersey); Terry Lawson (Loddon Valley); Keith Smewing, Keith and Valerie Marples (New Milton); Sharon Dewing (Swanwick); Paul Gerrard (Warminster); and Alethea Nelson (Yateley and District).

### MEMBERS PASSING TO HIGHER SERVICE

I am sorry to report that Lions John Arman (Bridport); Richard Mantle (Westbury) and PDG Hans Plate (Christchurch) have recently passed to higher service. May they rest in peace and be always in our thoughts.

**MEMBERSHIP** In April Woolmer Forest held a leaflet drop in their area. As they have only 8 members other clubs were asked to help and it was good to see representatives from Alton, Meon Valley and



Petersfield as well as the Region Chairman and the Zone Chairman from Zone K plus myself and John. This really was an example of Working

Together to Serve our Communities. 20 people attended a wine and nibbles evening. Let's hope some join us as Lions

*DG Judith and Lion John*

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