



# District 105D District Governor Roger Munday



**48th Annual District Convention  
22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2013  
Beaumont House,  
Old Windsor  
SL4 2JJ**

*“Service with humility: Fellowship with fun”*

*A Wessex Adventure*

# **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL PURPOSES**

**TO ORGANISE**, charter and supervise clubs to be known as Lions clubs.

**TO COORDINATE** the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.

**TO CREATE** and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

**TO PROMOTE** the principles of good government and good citizenship.

**TO TAKE** an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.

**TO UNITE** the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.

**TO PROVIDE** a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest, provided, however that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.

**TO ENCOURAGE** service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavours.



# The International Association of Lions Clubs

## District 105D

District Governor 2012 - 2013 ♦ Lion Roger Munday

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Fellow Lions, Honoured Guests and the Family of Lions



It is my privilege and pleasure to welcome you to the 48<sup>th</sup> District Convention. We are very close to the northern boundary of Wessex as it was in the time of the first King of the English, Alfred, a scholar and a warrior; much like being District Governor! It was close to here that the West Saxons fought the last battle that kept the Danes north of the Thames. Our District was formed in much of what was Wessex and because of that I adopted the Wessex Adventure as our theme and whatever you come as to the Host night - a warrior. Monk, a Knight with a noble lady, the Mayor of Casterbridge (with a wife to sell) or Tess of the D'Urbervilles, do enjoy yourselves as Christine and I intend to.

I also have the privilege to welcome Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth's representative in the Royal County, the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire, Mary Bayliss. It is very gracious of her to be here to open our Convention and Annual General Meeting.

I first met our International guests when Past District Governor Ron Twinning invited them to attend a Cabinet meeting last year and then in Busan at the International Convention when I made jolly round (and round) the tables at the Scandinavian open evening. It is my pleasure to welcome our International Guest Past International Director Guðrún Björt Yngvadóttir from Gardabaer, Iceland, and her husband Past International Director Dr Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson. I hope you enjoy getting to know them over the weekend as we have over the last year.

I also welcome all those who are attending their first ever Lions Convention. We are members of a truly great Community Service and Humanitarian Organisation and I am proud to be the elected leader of such a dedicated association of people as the Lions. I also give my warmest welcome to those attending our Convention from some of the other Districts within our MD.

The Host Committee from my own Club, Fleet, have worked very hard, to bring this convention to life with a varied and interesting programme. It is, however, our A.G.M. and we have some important business to conduct and resolutions to hear about, to debate and to vote on. I shall try and I hope I shall succeed in making it interesting for everyone. In this connection we have a major concern in that at the time of writing, in January, we do not have a nomination for Second Vice District Governor. The Governor team with two Vice Governors and a Past District Governor is now well established and I can tell you that it is a really interesting experience. I urge a qualified Lion to step forward either before or at Convention.

I have decided to hold a Cabinet on Friday afternoon because I had to cancel the one in January because of the hazardous state of the roads and to have a reception to meet the International Guests with the Cabinet Officers. Cabinet Members, New Lions and Convention first timers are

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asked to let me know through the Host Committee if you will be attending. That will give us plenty of time to prepare for the Host night and the celebrations – let's party!

I hope that on Saturday Morning we will be welcomed into Convention by a Youth Band from 08:45. As we settle down when the Sergeant of Arms calls us to order at 09:05 the band will leave. The detailed programme will be published with the Cabinet papers and hope it will be on the District Website.

We have a good programme of exhibitions and workshops, excellent guests and speakers so let's get the business done and enjoy some motivational presentations. During the evening the Banquet and Ball will be well catered with sufficient staff and good music to entertain us. I has been arranged for us to enjoy so let's do that.

On Sunday I shall be asking PID Guðrún and PID Jon Bjarni to hold forums either together or separately at their choice. We shall also be asking for feedback on the weekend and the presentations. Just before lunch, an open question and answer session with District officers in attendance.

It our Convention and I hope you will stay for the weekend for the AGM and for the fun and fellowship

**Roger Munday**

**District Governor 2012-2013**



# **GUÐRÚN BJÖRT YNGVADÓTTIR**

## **PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Guðrún Björt Yngvadóttir from Gardabaer, Iceland, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 93<sup>rd</sup> International Convention, held in Sydney, Australia, June 28 to July 2, 2010.

Past International Director Yngvadóttir is vice director of the Institute of Continuing Education at the University of Iceland.

A member of the Gardabaejar Eik Lions Club since 1992, she has held many offices within the association, including club president, leadership chair, Leo chair, Lions Quest chair, treasurer, vice district governor, district governor, multiple district LCIF coordinator, secretary and leadership development chair and coordinator for the Lions Leadership Institute in Iceland. She also served as a faculty member and presented at numerous Lions Leadership Institutes, Faculty Development Institutes and international conventions.

In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards including the 100% Club President Award, an Extension Award, the Governor's Extension Award, the Founder's Membership Growth, District Governor Award, eight International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Leadership Award and two International President's Medals. She is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Past Director Yngvadóttir is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Icelandic Association of Biomedical Scientists, Icelandic Association of Academics and the Association of Icelandic University Teachers.

Past Director Yngvadóttir and her husband, Dr. Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson, a Past International Director and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son, one daughter and five grandchildren.

**Lions Clubs International District 105D 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**  
**Beaumont House, Burfield Road, Old Windsor. SL4 2JJ**

**Order of Proceedings**

**PLEASE BE SEATED IN THE CONVENTION HALL BY 09.00 hrs**  
**DOORS CLOSE FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 09.05 hrs PROMPT**

		Page no.
1.	<b>Call to Order:</b> District Sergeant at Arms, Past Council Chairman (PCC), Lion David Firth.	
2.	<b>Health &amp; Safety Briefing.</b> District Officer (DO), Lion Josephine Hamblin.	
3.	<b>Introduction and receive District Governor (DG), Lion Roger Munday and Lion Christine Munday.</b> <b>Escort of Distinguished Guests to the platform:</b> <b>The Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire The Hon Mrs Mary Bayliss</b> Escorted by First Vice District Governor (1st VDG), Lion David Merchant and Lion Diana Merchant. <b>Our International Guest. Past International Director (PID), Lion Gudrun Bjort Yngvadittir and Past International Director, Lion Dr Dr Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson (Iceland)</b> Escorted by Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG), Lion Ron Twining and DO, Lion Ann Twining. <b>Ceremony of the Flags and Anthems.</b>	
4.	<b>Invocation</b> – Second Vice District Governor (2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG), Lion Mike Hendy.	
5.	<b>Lions Clubs International Purposes</b> - Region Chairman, Lion Alan Chapman.	
6.	<b>Lions Clubs International Code of Ethics</b> - Region Chairman, Lion Geoff Foan.	
7.	<b>Welcome to the 48th Annual District Convention and introduction of the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire The Hon Mrs Mary Bayliss</b> – DG, Lion Roger Munday.	
8.	<b>Official Opening of Convention by the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire The Hon Mrs Mary Bayliss.</b>	
9.	<b>Vote of thanks to the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire The Hon Mrs Mary Bayliss</b> – 1 <sup>st</sup> VDG, Lion David Merchant.	
10.	<b>Messages</b> - District Sergeant at Arms, PCC, Lion David Firth.	
11.	<b>Introduction of other Distinguished Guests Visiting Convention</b> – DG, Lion Roger Munday.	
12.	<b>Remembrance Ceremony</b> – 1st VDG, Lion David Merchant.	
13.	<b>Lighting of Remembrance Candle</b> – DG, Lion Roger Munday, 1st VDG, Lion David Merchant and 2nd VDG, Lion Mike Hendy.	
14.	<b>Vote of thanks to all involved in the Opening Ceremony</b> – DG, Lion Roger Munday.	
15.	<b>Distinguished Guests escorted from the platform.</b>	
16.	<b>Doors open for partners and guests to depart.</b> You are welcome to stay if you wish.	
17.	<b>Convention Business Session call to order</b> - District Sergeant at Arms, PCC, Lion David Firth.	
18.	<b>Invoke District Standing Orders</b> – DG, Lion Roger Munday.	
19.	<b>Attendance Report</b> - District Sergeant at Arms, PCC, Lion David Firth.	
20.	<b>Minutes of the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual District Convention and any matters arising</b> – DG, Lion Roger Munday.	1-8
21.	<b>Report of Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer (CNRO)</b> – PCC, Lion John Goodchild.	<b>9</b>
22.	<b>Call for Nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor</b> – DG, Lion Roger Munday.	
23.	<b>Business and Voting Procedures</b> - District CNRO, PCC, Lion John Goodchild.	
24.	<b>Nomination for District Governor 2013-2014 Lion David Merchant</b> - Lions Club of Newbury Introduced by the District CNRO, PCC, Lion John Goodchild.	
25.	<b>Nomination for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor 2013-2014 Lion Mike Hendy</b> - Lions Club of Bracknell Forest Introduced by the District CNRO, PCC, Lion John Goodchild.	
26.	<b>Nomination for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor 2013-2014</b> Introduced by the District CNRO, PCC, Lion John Goodchild.	
27.	<b>Report of the District Governor, Lion Roger Munday</b>	<b>9-10</b>
28.	<b>Report of Immediate Past District Governor</b> – IPDG, Lion Ron Twining.	<b>11</b>
29.	<b>Report of The District Secretary</b> - District Secretary, PDG, Lion Godwin Micallef.	<b>11-12</b>
30.	<b>Report of The District Treasurer</b> - District Treasurer, Lion Linda Picton.	<b>12-13</b>
31.	<b>Resolution No 1</b> proposed by the District Cabinet: Appointment of Independent Examiner to the District for 2013-2014. <b>Resolution No 2</b> proposed by the District Cabinet: District Per-Capita Levy 2013-2014. <b>Resolution Nos 3 to 6</b> Inclusive proposed by the District Cabinet: Proposed amendments to the District Constitution to bring it in line with LCI Requirements. <b>Resolution No 7</b> proposed by the District Cabinet: Proposed amendment to the District Constitution relating to any surplus realised from Convention Social Events. <b>Resolution No 8</b> proposed by the District Cabinet: Proposed amendments to the District Constitution making CNRO directly responsible for the circulation of Resolutions and amendments accepted by Cabinet for debate at Convention, without needing to seek the approval of Cabinet.	<b>32</b>  <b>32</b> <b>32-33</b>  <b>33</b>  <b>34</b>

32.	<b>Introduction of PID International Director, Lion Gudrun Bjort Yngvadittir</b> – DG, Lion Roger Munday.	
33.	<b>Convention Address – PID International Director, Lion Gudrun Bjort Yngvadittir.</b>	
34.	<b>Vote of thanks to Past International Director Lion, Gudrun Bjort Yngvadittir</b> – DG, Lion Roger Munday.	
35.	<p>Presentation and Adoption of reports by Global Membership, Global Leadership and Specialist Officers (En bloc)</p> <p><b>Finance Committee Finance:</b> IPDG, Lion Ron Twining (Chairman), District Treasurer Lion Linda Picton, PDG, Lion Brigid Hendy, PDG, Lion Judith Goodchild, District Secretary PDG, Lion Godwin Micallef, 1st VDG, Lion David Merchant, 2nd VDG, Lion Mike Hendy.</p> <p><b>Long Range Planning:</b> 2nd VDG, Lion Mike Hendy (Chairman), 1st VDG, Lion David Merchant, District Secretary, PDG, Lion Godwin Micallef, DO, PDG, Lion Derek Knight, DO, Lion Pauline McCreanor, DO, Lion Devan Kandiah.</p> <p><b>District Almoners Report</b> - DO, Lion Eric Nixon.</p> <p><b>Global Membership and Leadership Teams Reports</b>  District GMT Coordinator – Lion Pauline McCreanor.  District GLT Coordinator – PDG, Lion Colin Rickman.  Members of both teams:-  1st VDG, Lion David Merchant - Extension Officer.  2nd VDG, Lion Mike Hendy – Retention Officer.  Marketing and PR Coordinator – Lion James McGregor.  Region Chairmen (RC) and Zone Chairmen (ZC):  Region 1: RC Lion Peter Burnett, ZC Lions John Lay-Flurrie, Debbie Burnett.  Region 2: RC Lion Alan Chapman, ZC Lions Andy Thompson, Ken Staniforth, Geoff Kaye.  Region 3: RC Lion Micky Turner, ZC Lions Barry Woolcott, Roger Huntley, Mike Brown.  Region 4: RC Lion Geoff Foan, ZC Lions Mike Baker, Judith Colby, Ken Carter.  Region 5: RC Lion John Mack, ZC Lions Brigid Hendy, David Ebsworth.  Regional Support Teams:  Leadership Officers Region 1 Lion Tony Ives, Region 2 Lion Alice Adcock, Region 3 Lion Ann Huntley (and Membership Officer), Region 4 Lion John Goodchild, Region 5 Lion Mike Hendy.  Membership Officers: Region 1 Lion Cathy Lay-Flurrie, Region 2 Lion Richard Jotcham, Region 4 Lion Fred Massey, Region 5 Lion Malcolm Mortimer.  Marketing and PR Officer Region 1 Lion Jim Godden, Region 2 Lion Andrew Robinson, Region 5 Lion Richard Winrow.  Community Service Officers: Region 2 Lion Ken Staniforth, Region 3 Lion Eric Nixon, Region 5 Lion David Ebsworth.</p> <p><b>Youth Team Reports</b>  DO, Lion Yorky Tuke – Committee Chairman and Youth Exchange, Young Ambassador Officer.  DO, Lion Andrew Robinson – Education Projects, Young Leaders in Service, Youth Sports Officer.  DO, Lion John Apps - District Leo Officer, Adopt a Youth Club Officer.  DO, Lion Alan Chapman - Life Skills Officer.  DO, Lion Frances Bond - Peace Poster Officer and Poetry Competition Officer.  DO, Lion Tony Baker - Youth Exchange Officer.</p> <p><b>Communications Team Reports</b>  DO, Lion Tom Sayers – Committee Chairman. IT and Website Advisor.  DO, PDG, Lion Judith Goodchild - Competitions Officer.  DO, Lion Jo Hamblin – Insurance and Risk Assessment Advisor.  DO, Lion Richard High – Deputy IT and Website.  DO, Lion Peter Garlick – Lion Magazine and Newsletter Editor.  DO, Lion James McGregor - Marketing &amp; PR Chairman.  PDG, Lion Fred Massey – Lion Member Liaison.  Marketing &amp; PR Team: Region 1 - Lion Jim Godden, Region 2 - Lion Andrew Robinson, Region 5 - Lion Richard Winrow.</p> <p><b>Community Services Team Reports</b>  DO, Lion Marilyn Skennerton-Committee Chairman, Vulnerable Persons and CRB Officer.  DO, Lion George Jeremiah –Clubs Community Services Advisor.  DO, Lion Richard Fulstow – Diabetes Awareness.  DO, PDG, Lion Judith Goodchild – Environmental Projects Officer.  DO, Lion Iain Pudney – Medic Alert Officer.  DO, Lion Ann Twining – Message in a Bottle Officer.  DO, Lion Anita Drago – Special Needs and Circumstances Officer.  DO, Lion Ian Puttock - Sight Officer.  DO, Lion John Drago –Mobility, Speech and Hearing Officer.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>15-21</p> <p>21-23</p> <p>23-24</p> <p>25-27</p>

	<b>International Relations Committee Reports</b> DO, PDG, Lion Barrie Richardson - Committee Chairman, Europa Forum and Music Competition Officer. DO, Lion Lynden McIntyre - International Relations, Twinning and UN. DO, PDG, Lion Roger Huntley – DentaId Committee Chairman. DO, PDG, Lion Patrick Hamblin. – LCIF and Disaster Coordinator Officer.	28-31
36.	<b>Attendance Reports &amp; Announcements</b> - District Sergeant at Arms, PCC, Lion David Firth.	
37.	<b>Presentation by Multiple DO, Lion Mandy Broadbent – Life Skills Limited (Tacade).</b>	
38.	<b>Tailtwister.</b>	
39.	<b>Close of First Business Session.</b>	
	<b>NOTE:</b> BALLOT BOXES OPEN UNTIL 14:00 FOR ELECTIONS OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2013-14 1 <sup>ST</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2013-14 AND 2 <sup>ND</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2013-14	
40.	<b>Delegates move to Convention Workshops</b> –Lion Graham Drayton.	
41.	<b>Adjournment for Lunch</b>	
42.	<b>Delegates move to Convention Workshops</b> –Lion Graham Drayton.	
43.	<b>Reconvene Convention &amp; Call to Order</b> - District Sergeant at Arms, PCC, Lion David Firth.	
44.	<b>Announcements</b> - District Sergeant at Arms, PCC, Lion David Firth.	
45.	<b>Presentation by DO PDG, Lion Patrick Hamblin – LCIF.</b>	
46.	<b>Presentation of Awards for the District Competitions</b> , introduced by DO PDG, Lion Judith Goodchild  <b>Lions International Sight Savers Awards</b> – 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 funded; Silver 20 funded; Gold 40 funded; Platinum 75 funded and Diamond 100 funded  <b>Bill Field Sight Cup</b> – Presented to a Zone, Lions Club or individual member of a Lions club for particular effort in a sight related area.  <b>Godwin Micallef Peace Poster Award</b> – Lions Clubs International Competition, ages 11 to 13 years Presented to the Club whose candidate won the District Peace Poster Competition.  <b>Bill Smith Memorial Peace Poster Trophy</b> – District 105D Competition ages 9 to 10 years.  <b>Bill Smith Memorial Peace Poster Trophy</b> – District 105D Competition ages 7 to 8 years.  <b>Bill Smith Memorial Peace Poster Trophy</b> – For Computer Aided Design.  <b>Club Magazine Award</b> – There are three criteria used for the selection of the top Club Magazine award: Interest and Topicality, Layout and Presentation, Regular Publication.  <b>Club Scrapbook Competition</b> – 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.  <b>Leo Plumley Award</b> - 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.  <b>John Greenaway International Award</b> – Presented to the Lions Club or Zone most involved with Lions International Projects.  <b>Colin Rickman Youth Project Award</b> – Presented to the Lions Club who have 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.  <b>Ian Birch Membership Award</b> – 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).  <b>Barrie Richardson Travelling Lion Award</b> – Awarded to the Lions Club gaining the most points for visiting other Lions Clubs, wherever they may be, District, Region and Zone organised events.  <b>The Graham Drayton Award</b> – Presented to the Lions Club with a Website which was judged to have the best overall content.	



	<p><b>The Brigid Hendy Award for IT Technical Excellence</b> – Awarded to the Lions Club with a Website which was judged to have the technical excellence.</p> <p><b>The Helen Deakin Make the World a Better Place Award</b> – Presented to the Lions or Lions Club which best improves our environment.</p> <p><b>Peter Allen Environmental Photo Competition</b> – Presented to an individual member of a Lions Club for particular effort in the Environmental Photo Competition.</p> <p><b>The John and Judith Goodchild Poetry Awards</b> - Presented to the Lions Club(s) sponsoring the winning Poet in each of two age groups, 7-10 and 11-16.</p> <p><b>Ron and Ann Twining Youth Environmental Poster Awards</b> - Presented to the Lions Club sponsoring the winner of the Environmental Poster Competition produced by traditional materials in each of two age groups, 7-10 and 11-16.</p> <p><b>Roger and Christine Munday Youth Environmental Poster Awards</b> - Presented to the Lions Club sponsoring the winner of the Environmental Poster Competition produced by Computer Aided Design in each of two age groups, 7-10 and 11-16.</p>	
47.	<b>District Governor</b> - Certificates of Appreciation	
48.	<b>Partners rejoin Convention. Lion Christine to join the Governor on Stage.</b>	
49.	<b>Introduction of &amp; Presentation by District Young Ambassador winner</b> – DO, Lion Yorky Tuke.	
50.	<b>Introduction of Keynote Event</b> – DG, Lion Roger Munday.	
51.	<b>Keynote Event - To Be Advised .</b>	
52.	<b>Vote of thanks to Keynote Event</b> – DG, Lion Roger Munday.	
53.	<b>Announcement of Results of the Ballot for DG and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG 2013-2014</b> -DG, Lion Roger Munday.	
54.	<b>Governor Elect and Wife, 1st Vice Governor Elect and Wife, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Governor Elect and Partner to join Governor and Lion Christine on the Platform.</b>	
55.	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor (Elect) to address Convention.</b>	
56.	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor (Elect) to address Convention.</b>	
57.	<b>District Governor (Elect) to address Convention.</b>	
58.	<b>Host Committee proposal for the 2015 District Convention</b> – Convention approval is required Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer - PCC, Lion John Goodchild.	
59.	<b>Presentation of Host Committee 2012 – 2013</b> - District Convention Officer - DO, Lion Travis McCall.	
60.	<b>Presentation of Host Committee 2013 – 2014</b> District Convention Officer, DO, Lion Travis McCall.	
61.	<b>Invite International Guest's Partner Dr Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson on stage</b> - DG, Lion Roger Munday.	
62.	<b>Summary of the Day - Past International Director Lion Gudrun Bjort Yngvadittir.</b>	
63.	<b>Presentation to International Guest - Past International Director Lion Gudrun Bjort Yngvadittir</b> - DG, Lion Roger Munday.	
64.	<b>Any other essential or relevant business</b> - DG, Lion Roger Munday.	
65.	<b>Announcements</b> - District Sergeant at Arms, PCC, Lion David Firth.	
66.	<b>Tailtwister.</b>	
67.	<b>Presentation of Convention Flag to Host Committee Chairman 2014</b> - PDG, Lion Colin Rickman.	
68.	<b>Closing Ceremony</b> – All.	
69.	<b>Close of 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of Lions Clubs International, District 105D.</b>	

**MINUTES OF THE 47th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF DISTRICT 105D  
HELD AT NORTON GRANGE, YARMOUTH, ISLE OF WIGHT  
ON SATURDAY 24TH MARCH 2012**

- 1. Call to Order**  
The Annual Convention of District 105D was called to order by District Sergeant at Arms Lion David Firth.
- 2. The Health & Safety Briefing** was carried out by Lion Jo Hamblin, District Health & Safety Officer.
- 3. Introduction and receive District Governor Lion Ron Twining and Lion Ann Twining** was conducted by District Sergeant at Arms Lion David Firth.
- 4. The Escort of Distinguished Guests to the platform** were introduced by the SAA Lion David Firth:-  
The High Sheriff of the Isle of Wight, Mrs. S. J. Sheldon, escorted by Region 3 Chairman, Lion Mick Turner.  
The Chairman of the Isle of Wight Council, Councillor David Williams and Vice Chairman, Susan Scoccia, escorted by 2VDG Lion David Merchant and Lion Diana Merchant.  
Past International Director Lion Randy Heitmann and Lion Cathy Heitmann, escorted by IPDG Brigid Hendy and PDG Mike Hendy.  
Past International Director Lion Howard Lee and Lion Claire Lee, escorted by Region 2 Chairman, Lion Alan Chapman and Anne Chapman.  
MD105 Council Chairman PDG Lion Tony Gadsby and Diane Gadsby escorted by Sandown & Shanklin President Lion Mike Spencer and Lion Helen Spencer.
- 5. The Ceremony of the Flags and Anthems** was presided over by District Governor Lion Ron Twining.
- 6. The Invocation** was conducted by Region 4 Chairman, Lion Christine Munday.
- 7. The Lions Clubs International Purposes** were read by Region 5 Chairman, Lion John Shephard.
- 8. The Lions Clubs International Code of Ethics** was read by Region 1 Chairman, Lion John Cake.
- 9. Lion District Governor Ron Twining** welcomed everyone to the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual District Convention and introduced the Chairman of the Isle of Wight Council, Councillor David Williams.
- 10. The Welcome to the Isle of Wight:** Councillor David Williams, Chairman of the Isle of Wight Council, welcomed everyone to the Island.
- 11. The Vote of thanks to Councillor David Williams** was performed by Youth Chairman, Lion Yorky Tuke.
- 12. Welcome to the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual District Convention and Introduction of The High Sheriff of the Isle of Wight, Mrs. S. J. Sheldon,** was performed by DG Lion Ron Twining.
- 13. The Official opening of Convention** was carried out by the High Sheriff of the Isle of Wight, Mrs. S. J. Sheldon.
- 14. The Vote of thanks to The High Sheriff of the Isle of Wight** was performed by the Convention Host Committee Chairman, Lion Jane Goodlet.
- 15. Messages:** SAA David Firth read out the greetings received from Buckingham Palace and stated that he had also received a number of cards wishing the DG a happy Convention.
- 16. Introduction of Other Guests:** DG Ron Twining asked the following to stand and be recognised:-  
PID Lion Randy Heitmann and Lion Kathy Heitmann,  
PID Lion Howard Lee and Lion Clare Lee,  
MD105 Council Chairman, Lion Tony Gadsby and Diane Gadsby,  
All Past Council Chairmen and Past District Governors,  
Cabinet Officers,  
Past Presidents,  
Lions attending their 1<sup>st</sup> Convention,  
New Lion members since the last Convention,  
Visiting Lions from other Districts,  
Anyone having a Birthday this weekend  
and, finally, his wife Lion Ann Twining.

**17 The Remembrance Ceremony** was conducted by 1VDG Roger Munday .

All in attendance were asked to stand in silence in remembrance of:

Geoff Saunders	Swanage
Iris Gough	Bracknell
John Howarth	Christchurch
Marion Williams	Burnham
Harry Ovens	Windsor
Reg Munford	Gosport
Tony Mundell	Reading
Peter Homan	New Milton
Dow Whitehead	Poole
Alan Ketchell	Swanwick
Ricky Gordon	Sherborne
Neil Gardner	Christchurch
Roy Fowler	Portsmouth
David Hatton	Reading
Lewis Careswell	Poole
Elaine 'Dee' Davis	Wimborne & Ferndown
Reg Caines	Andover & District
Michael Rumfitt	Jersey
President Colin France	Blackmore Vale
John Wilson-Brown	Romsey
PID Philip Daubeney	Jersey/Fleet

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

**18. Lighting of the Remembrance Candle** was performed by District Almoner, Lion Eric Nixon.

**19. Vote of thanks to all involved in the Opening Ceremony:** DG Lion Ron Twining thanked everyone involved.

**20. Distinguished Guests escorted from the platform** was performed by Convention Business Manager, Lion Barry Kemp.

**21. Doors were opened for partners and guest to depart.**

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**22. Convention Business Session Call to order** was performed by District Sergeant At Arms Lion David Firth.

**23. Invoke District Standing orders** was carried out by DG Lion Ron Twining.

**24. Attendance Report:** District Sergeant at Arms Lion David Firth reported that 52 Delegates and 6 Alternates, representing 40 clubs had registered for voting purposes.

**25. Minutes of the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and any matters arising:** were drawn to the attention of the delegates. They were proposed by PDG Lion Fred Massey (Fleet) seconded by PDG Lion Judith Goodchild (Hook & Odiham) 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 and Business and Voting Procedures.**

CNRO Lion John Goodchild (Loddon Valley) presented his report which was as written.

Proposed CNRO Lion John Goodchild seconded by Region 1 Chairman Lion John Cake.

**The proposal was carried.**

**27. Business and voting procedures** were read out by CNRO Lion John Goodchild who also confirmed that there was a quorum at Convention.

There had been no invitation to host the 2012 Convention, but one was expected from the Floor - Item 59 of the Agenda. Lion John pointed out that there were 6 Resolutions to be voted on. Resolution 3 required a 2/3rds majority, as it required amendments to the Constitution. The other Resolutions only required a simple majority.

**28. Nominations for District Governor 2012 / 2013:** CNRO Lion John Goodchild announced that there was only one candidate for the position, Lion Roger Munday (Fleet), proposed by the Lions Club of Fleet (Lion Graham Drayton) and seconded by the Lions Club of Newport (PDG Lion Roger Huntley). Both then made a short presentation on behalf of Lion Roger, who then addressed Convention.

- 29. Nominations for First Vice District Governor 2012 / 2013:** CNRO Lion John Goodchild announced that there was only one candidate for the position, Lion David Merchant (Newbury), proposed by the Lions Club of Newbury (Lion Judith Colby) and seconded by the Lions Club of Westbury (PCC Lion David Firth). Both then made a short presentation on behalf of Lion David, who then addressed Convention.
- 30. Nominations for Second Vice District Governor 2012 / 2013:** CNRO Lion John Goodchild announced that there was only one candidate for the position, PDG Lion Mike Hendy (Bracknell), proposed by the Lions Club of Bracknell (Lion Steve Pope) and seconded by the Lions Club of Reading (Lion David Ebsworth). Both then made a short presentation on behalf of Lion Mike, who then addressed Convention.
- 31. Report of Immediate Past District Governor Brigid Hendy:** IPDG Lion Brigid Hendy said her report was as published. The report was proposed by Lion Brigid Hendy (Burnham) and seconded by Lion Anita Drago (Westbury) that the report be adopted. **The proposal was carried.**
- 32. Report of the District Secretary:** PDG Lion Godwin Micallef (Wimborne & Ferndown) said that his report was as tabled. It was proposed by PDG Lion Godwin Micallef and seconded by Lion Frank Fortey (Wimborne & Ferndown) that the report be adopted. **The proposal was carried.**
- 33. Report of the District Treasurer:** Lion Linda Picton (Hart) said her report required an update. She stated that, as the Convention bookings were low, this Convention will result in a financial loss of approx. £5,500 which, as per our Constitution, will have to be paid from our District Admin account. This will reduce our Reserves, for the 2012-2013 Budget plan, below an acceptable level. The Host Committee have worked hard to minimise costs, whilst providing a good Convention. District will also look to minimising future expenditure, as well as savings in the 2013 Budget. The report was proposed by D.T. Linda Picton and seconded by Lion Frances Bond (Crofton) that the report and accounts be accepted. **The proposal was carried.**
- 34. Resolution 1** 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 Independent Examiner for the year". It was proposed by District Treasurer Lion Linda Picton (Hart) on behalf of Cabinet, seconded by IPDG Lion Brigid Hendy (Burnham). **The proposal was carried.**
- Resolution 2** This Convention resolves that "The District Per Capita Levy for the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 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 2012 based upon the known membership as at 30 June 2012 and £4.50p per Lion by 1 February 2013 based upon the known membership as at 31 December 2012. It was proposed by District Treasurer Lion Linda Picton (Hart), on behalf of Cabinet, and seconded by IPDG Lion Brigid Hendy (Burnham). **The proposal was carried.**
- Resolution 3** The resolution required a change to Section 2 Article IV of the District Constitution, that the District Governor, District Treasurer and the District Secretary, subject to ratification by Cabinet, shall have control over all property and funds in the District and its Committees. No obligation may be approved or made which will result in a deficit in the total Funds of the District at any time. Further, no person shall commit the District to any expenditure in excess of £250, in any one transaction, without prior approval of Cabinet. It was proposed by District Treasurer Lion Linda Picton (Hart), on behalf of Cabinet, and seconded by IPDG Lion Brigid Hendy (Burnham). As it was a change to the Constitution, a two thirds majority was required. **The proposal was carried.**
- Resolution 4** The resolution proposed the introduction of a **DISTRICT** Environment Poster Competition, to be run in a similar manner to the Peace Poster Competition. During Debate, the following comments were made:-
- \* PDG Lion Pat Nixon (Cosham) stated that whilst this competition has been successfully run on Hayling Island, there aren't many Schools there. It should be tried out another part of the District before being adopted.
  - \* PDG Lion Judith Goodchild (Hook & Odiham) stated that Cabinet would support the Competition.
  - \* Lion Frances Bond (Crofton) asked whether Schools would support another Competition. In addition, would it encroach on the current Environment Competition?
  - \* Zone 1A Chairman, Lion John Lay-Flurrie raised a concern over yet another Competition when others, which are not fully supported, should perhaps be stopped.
  - \* Lion Marilyn Skennerton (Hayling Island) stated that we should give young people what they want. The Peace Poster has been running for many years and the entries tend to be the same, every year. It does not give children the scope to create interesting posters.
  - \* Lion John Apps (Portsmouth) stated that this proposal is in line with Lions Clubs International policy, re the Environment.
- It was proposed by Lion Marilyn Skennerton (Hayling Island) and seconded by Lion John Apps (Portsmouth). **The proposal was carried.**

**Resolution 5** The resolution was the same as Resolution 4 but related to the Competition being run at the **MULTIPLE DISTRICT** Level.

During debate the following comments were made:-

- \* Lion Frances Bond (Crofton) suggested that we should see how it works at District, before proposing it at MD.
- \* Lion Barrie Kenyon (Christchurch) agreed with Lion Frances Bond.
- \* PDG Lion Derek Knight (Hayling Island) stated that this is not the first time that has proposed Resolutions to District and MD Conventions, at the same time. E.g. Dentaïd.

Our District has suggested/started more projects, than any other District.

It was proposed by Lion Marilyn Skennerton (Hayling Island) and seconded by Lion John Apps (Portsmouth).

The voting required the Tellers to confirm the result, which were 29 votes **for** the proposal and 25 **against**.

**The proposal was carried.**

**Resolution 6** The resolution was the same as Resolution 4 but related to the Competition being run at the **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL** Level.

During debate the following comments were made:-

- \* PDG Lion Pat Nixon stated that we were rushing, in proposing it at International level. What if the proposal was rejected at MD Convention?
- \* PDG Lion Colin Rickman (Southampton) stated that we should be positive and support this proposal.
- \* PDG Lion Mike Hendy (Bracknell) stated that we should support this proposal as, should it be adopted by International, it would take a long while for it to become an operational International competition.

It was proposed by Lion Marilyn Skennerton (Hayling Island) and seconded by Lion John Apps (Portsmouth).

**The proposal was carried.**

- 35. Adoption of the Finance Committee Report.** IPDG Lion Brigid Hendy (Burnham) proposed her report, which was as published, and seconded by District Treasurer Lion Linda Picton (Hart), be adopted.

**The proposal was carried.**

- 36. Adoption of the Long Range Planning Report.** 2VDG Lion David Merchant (Newbury) proposed his report, which was as published, and seconded by Lion Colin Mansell (Newbury), be adopted. **The proposal was carried.**

- 37. Adoption of the District Almoners Report.** Lion Eric Nixon (Fareham) proposed his report, which was as published, and added that he also sends cards, on behalf of the District, to ex Lions who had many years Service. The report was seconded by Lion Frances Bond (Crofton). **The proposal was carried.**

- 38. Adoption of the Region and Zone Chairmen Chairmen Reports.** The Region and Zone Chairmen Reports were proposed en bloc, and were as written. Lion Jim Godden (President of Sherborne) stated that the Zone 1A report mentioned the death of Lion Ricky George (Sherborne), which should have read Lion Ricky Gordon. The Reports were proposed by Region 1 Chairman Lion John Cake (Weymouth & Portland) and seconded by Lion Mike Walker (Blandford & District). **The proposal was carried.**

- 39. Adoption of the GMT/GML Reports.** Lion Pauline McCreanor (Ryde – Isle of Wight) proposed her report, which was as written, and seconded by Lion Christine Munday (Hart). Lion Pauline added that she would like to thank the Vice Governors for their support.

**The proposal was carried.**

- 40. Adoption of the International Relations Team Reports.** PDG Lion Barrie Richardson (Ringwood & Fordingbridge) added the following updates to his report:-

- \* He would like to thank PDG Lion Vic Smith (Swanwick) Dentaïd Committee Chairman and Lion Ian Puttock (Yaetely) LCIF & Disaster Coordinator, who were retiring from the Committee. He thanked them for the work they have performed, on behalf of the District, over the years.
- \* There were no entries for the District Music Competition this year. The Multiple District Competition has been suspended and is being reviewed by the Council of Governors. A future competition may be organised in conjunction with our partner, Classic FM. The 2012/13 competition is suspended until the review has been finalised.
- \* PDG Lion Derek Knight asked that the committee look at young musicians with talent, rather than those who already had it /studied for it.

The report was proposed by PDG Lion Barrie Richardson (Ringwood & Fordingbridge) and seconded by PDG Lion Vic Smith (Swanwick). **The proposal was carried.**

- 41. Adoption of the Youth Team Reports.** Lion Yorky Tuke (Ringwood & Fordingbridge) added the following to his report:-
- \* The Young ambassador final only had 4 entries. Would Clubs please do their utmost to find and encourage entries for future years.
  - \* Our District is hosting the MD Youth Camp in Osmington Bay, Weymouth, next year. Volunteers are required to help make this a success.
- The report was proposed by Lion Yorky Tuke (Ringwood & Fordingbridge) and seconded by Lion George Jeremiah (Christchurch). **The proposal was carried.**
- MD Council Chairman Tony Gadsby added that, following the liquidation of TACADE, MD are seeking to purchase Life Skills stock from them. In addition, they are reviewing the Lions Quest program run by International.
- 42. Adoption of the Communications Team Reports.** Lion Tom Sayers (Fleet) proposed his report, which was as published, and this was seconded by Lion Peter Garlick (Bridport). **The proposal was carried.**
- 43. Adoption of the Welfare Team Reports.** Lion Marilyn Skennerton (Hayling Island) proposed her report, which was as published, and this was seconded by PDG Lion Derek Knight (Hayling Island). **The proposal was carried.**
- 44. Presentation on Dentaïd.** PDG Lion Vic Smith (Swanwick) introduced Andy Jong, Chief Executive of Dentaïd. Mr. Yong gave his presentation and highlighted the following Lions achievements:-
- \* In just over 10 years, we have raised £150,000.00
  - \* Between November 2008 and January 2012, we had made 204 collections which was a financial saving of £6,120.00.
  - \* The dental equipment used in the TV program 'My Family' was donated to Dentaïd and, after servicing, was delivered to Bangladesh. Lions funded the delivery to Bangladesh.
  - \* Mr. Yong thanked Lion Richard Frost (Blackmore Vale) for his efforts as the Dentaïd equipment collection coordinator. In addition, he expressed his sincere thanks to PDG Lion Vic Smith (Swanwick) who has managed the Dentaïd Committee for a number of years.
- 45. Introduction & Presentation by the District Young Ambassador Winner.**
- This item was brought forward in the schedule as the candidate, and her sponsoring Club, had to leave early. Youth Chairman Lion Yorky Tuke introduced Laura Pellegrini who was sponsored by Eastleigh Lions Club. Laura gave a presentation on the number of activities she is involved with and stated that she had enjoyed taking part in our competitions.
- 46. Attendance Report:** District Sergeant at Arms PCC Lion David Firth reported that 54 Delegates and 6 Alternates, representing 40 clubs had registered for voting purposes. He reminded Delegates to cast their votes, for the DG and VDG positions, into the Ballot Boxes.
- 47. The Tail Twister,** District Sergeant at Arms PCC Lion David Firth (Westbury), with the assistance of members of Westbury, extracted many fines which would be donated to Lion Ann Twining's Charity, Canine Partners.
- 47.** The first Business Session closed at 12:45 p.m.
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- 48. Reconvene Convention:** was called to order by District Sergeant at Arms PCC Lion David Firth (Westbury).
- 49. Announcements**
- District Sergeant at Arms PCC Lion David Firth (Westbury) reported that 56 Delegates and 6 Alternates, representing 41 clubs had registered for voting purposes
- 50. Presentation on Action for Hearing Loss.** Lion Mike Walker (Blandford and District) was a volunteer with the Royal National Institute for the Deaf (RNID) who had recently changed their name to **Action for Hearing Loss**. Lion Mike explained various hearing loss situations and how some may have occurred. E.g. loud music being played on 'walkmen' type music devices which use ear plugs. In addition, he outlined various services provided by Action for Hearing loss.

**51. Presentation of awards for the District Competitions.** PDG Lion Judith Goodchild announced the following Competition winners:-

<b>Lions International Sight Savers Patches</b>	Hart – Bronze Award
<b>Bill Field Sight Cup</b>	Lion Denis White (Basingstoke)
<b>Peace Poster Trophies There are 4 awards 3 for Age groups and 1 Computer Aided Design</b>	
<b>Godwin Micallef Peace Poster Trophy Lions Clubs International Competition ages 11-13 years</b>	Lizzy Moar sponsored by Swanage Lions
<b>Bill Smith Memorial Peace Poster Trophy (9-10)</b>	Charlotte Leender sponsored by Blackmore Vale Lions
<b>Bill Smith Memorial Peace Poster Trophy (7-8)</b>	Emily Sheppard sponsored by Yateley and District Lions
<b>Bill Smith Memorial Peace Poster Trophy for Computer Aided Design</b>	Ella Worland sponsored by Yateley and District Lions
<b>John Goodchild Junior Poetry Competition</b>	Lauren Graham sponsored by Loddon Valley Lions
<b>Judith Goodchild Senior Poetry Competition</b>	Francesca Thurgood sponsored by Crofton Lions
<b>Club Magazine Award</b>	Jersey
<b>Scrapbook Competition</b>	Burnham
<b>Peter Allen Environmental Trophy</b>	Clare Dowling (Bracknell Forest)
<b>Helen Deakin “Make the world a better place” Photo Competition.</b>	Reading
<b>Leo Plumley Award</b>	The Clubs of Zone 4K and Loddon Valley
<b>John Greenaway International Award</b>	Alton
<b>Colin Rickman Award</b>	Fleet and Hart
<b>Blackmore Vale Cheese</b>	New Milton
<b>Youth Football Award Presented to the winning team in the 105D District Football Competition</b>	No competition 2011/2012
<b>Ian Birch Award largest membership. This is presented for the formation of a Branch in Aldershot</b>	Zone 4K
<b>Barrie Richardson Travelling Lion Award</b>	Hook and Odiham
<b>Club Website Awards The Graham Drayton Award for IT</b>	Fleet
<b>Brigid Hendy Award for PR</b>	Hook and Odiham

**52. Partners rejoin Convention**

Partners rejoined Convention.

**53. Presentation on Canine Partners.** Lion Ann Twining introduced Debbie Platt and other members of Canine Partners. They explained some of the roles that the dogs perform and gave a demonstration of how they were trained and helped people with disabilities.

**54. Introduction of the young Ambassador.** This had been moved forward, after item 44 of the Agenda.

**55. Announcement of Results of the Ballot for DG, 1VDG and 2VDG 2012-2013 and for the partners to Parade to the stage.**

DG Lion Ron Twining announced the results of the ballots held earlier in the day:-

District Governor 2012-2013

Lion Roger Munday (Fleet)

1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor 2012-2013

Lion David Merchant (Newbury)

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor 2012-2013

Lion Mike Hendy (Bracknell)

DG Ron congratulated all the winners and sought, and received, permission to destroy the Ballot papers. He also thanked the PDG's, from other Districts, who acted as the Tellers.

The winners, and their partners, were invited onto the stage.

**56. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Governor Elect: Lion Mike Hendy (Bracknell)** thanked everyone and addressed Convention.

**57. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Governor Elect: Lion David Merchant (Newbury)** thanked everyone and addressed Convention.

**58. District Governor Elect: Lion Roger Munday (Fleet)** thanked everyone and addressed Convention.

**59. Call for Nomination of Convention Host Club 2014**

CNRO Lion John Goodchild introduced PDG Lion Colin Rickman (Southampton), who proposed that the 2014 Convention will be held in the De Vere Grand Harbour Hotel, Southampton, on 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014.  
Proposed by PDG Lion Colin Rickman (Southampton) and seconded by PCC Lion David Firth (Westbury).  
**Convention accepted the proposal.**

**60. Introduction of Past International director Lion Randy Heitmann** PDG Lion Fred Massey introduced PID Lion Randy who informed us that he was a Tax accountant. He also highlighted their restaurants business ventures in Nebraska, USA.

**61. Convention Address – PID Lion Randy Heitmann.** PID Lion Randy advocated that we should enjoy happiness now, rather than going through life aiming for it in the future. He also explained, assisted by his wife Kathy and a Mr. Potato Head, what makes a good Lion.  
DG Lion Ron Twining stated that a donation had been made to LCIF, by our District, on behalf of PID Randy.

**62. Vote of thanks to Past International Director Randy Heitmann.** 1VDG Elect David Merchant thanked the PID and his wife for attending our Convention and for their presentation.

**63. Presentation of the Host Committee 2011-12.** District Convention Business manager Lion Barry Kemp (Sandown & Shanklin) introduced the Host Committee chaired by Lion Jane Goodlet (Cowes).  
DG Lion Ron Twining presented all the members with a DG's Certificate of Appreciation.

**64. District Governor's Presentations** DG Lion Ron Twining presented the following certificates / awards:-

\* **DG's Certificate of Appreciation to the following District Officers:-**

Lion Ian Puttock (Yateley) - LCIF  
PDG Lion Vic Smith (Swanwick) - DentaId  
PCC Lion John Goodchild (Loddon Valley) - CNRO  
PCC Lion David Firth (Westbury) – Sergeant At Arms  
PDG Lion Fred Massey (Fleet) - Lion Member Liaison  
Lion Eric Nixon (Fareham) - District Almoner  
Lion John Cake (Weymouth & Portland) - Region 1 Chairman  
Lion Richard Keeley (Farnborough) - District Marketing and PRO  
Lion John Apps (Portsmouth) - Adopt a Youth Club  
Lion Andrew Robinson (Warminster) - District Football Competition

\* **A Zone Chairman's award** was awarded to Zone B Chairman Lion Mike Bartlett (Wareham).

\* **A Region Chairman's Medal** was awarded to Region 2 Chairman Alan Chapman (Warminster).

\* **International President's Certificate of Appreciation to:-**

IPDG Lion Brigid Hendy (Burnham)  
Zone 2E Chairman Lion Nick Mussert (New Milton)  
Lion President Candy Kirkland (Wokingham)  
Lions John & Judith Webb (Bridport)  
Lion Dave Woolford (Weymouth & Portland)

\* **International President's Leadership Medals to:-**

PDG Lion Godwin Micallef (Wimborne & Ferndown) - District Secretary  
Lion Linda Picton (Hart) - District Treasurer

\* **International President's Award Medal, for Services to Lions** to Lion Peter Garlick (Bridport)  
District Newsletter Magazine Editor

\* Finally, DG Ron Twining presented his wife, Lion Ann Twining, with a DG's Appreciation Medal for all her support over the last 3 years.

**65. Presentation of the Host Committee 2012-2013** District Convention Business Manager Lion Barry Kemp (Sandown & Shanklin) introduced PDG Lion Fred Massey (Fleet) and the members of the 2013 Convention host Committee.  
The 2013 Convention will be held at Beaumont House, Old Windsor on 22<sup>nd</sup> March to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

**66. Invite International Guest's Partner and DG's Partner onto the Stage.**  
DG Lion Ron Twining invited the partners onto the Stage.



**67. Presentation to International Guest.** DG Lion Ron Twining and Lion Ann Twining presented PID Randy Heitmann and Lion Kathy Heitmann with personal gifts reflecting their visit to the Isle of Wight. DG Ron Twining and PID Randy Heitmann also exchanged personal & District Banners.

**68. Any other essential or relevant Business.**

- \* PDG Lion Pat Nixon (Cosham) Thanked everyone for collecting Thousands of Buttons, following her appeal.
- \* The Zone 3G had purchased a Zone Chairman's Chain of Office, using funds collected from Zone fines. This was presented to the current Zone Chairman, PDG Lion Roger Huntley (Newport Isle of Wight).
- \* PDG Lion Vic Smith (Swanwick) presented a number of DentaId Certificates to all the Clubs present at Convention.
- \* IPDG Brigid Hendy proposed a vote of thanks to DG Lion Ron Twining re the Convention.

**69. Announcements.** None

**70. The Tail Twister,** District Sergeant at Arms PCC Lion David Firth (Westbury) extracted even more fines.

**71. Presentation of Convention Flag to Host Committee Chairman 2013** The Convention Flag was presented to PDG Fred Massey (Fleet), by DG Ron Twining. Following a brief disappearance of the Flag, when previously destined for Fleet, a photograph was taken as evidence!! ☺

**72. Closing Ceremony.**

DG Lion Ron Twining thanked everyone for attending and the ceremony closed with the singing of 'Land of Hope and Glory' followed by 'Till we meet again'.

**73. Close of the 47<sup>th</sup> Convention of Lions Clubs International, District 105D**

Convention closed at approx. 17:10 hrs.

## Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions – PCC Lion John Goodchild

Following last year's Convention, I advised our Association's International Office of the names of the successful candidates in the ballots for District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governors 2012-2013. The International Office was also advised of the substance and results of the voting on the Resolutions considered by the 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.

LCI have advised that before introducing an Environmental Poster Competition at International level, they would want evidence of the value of that competition and that it received good support at District and Multiple District level. For whatever reason, the Resolution regarding a MD Competition (Resolution 5 at our last Convention) was not taken forward to MD Convention. From my point of view, there are no outstanding matters arising from Convention 2012.

The Convention 2013 Call was issued by the District Governor in August 2012, together with a call for nominations to the posts of District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governors 2012-2013, any Resolutions to be considered at Convention 2012 and Invitations to host Convention 2015. The District Cabinet have accepted a proposal to host Convention 2014. This will be presented to Convention 2013 for approval.

By the closing date for receipt of nominations, resolutions and invitations:

- One nomination had been received for the post of District Governor 2013-2014
- One nomination had been received for the post of First Vice District Governor 2013-2014
- No nomination had been received for the post of Second Vice District Governor 2013-2014. Despite an extension to the closing date, at the time of writing this report, there have still not been any nominations received, which is of grave concern.
- Eight Resolutions had been received for debate at Convention 2013, all being from the District Cabinet.
- One invitation was received to host Convention 2015.

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

At the time of writing (late December 2012) no amendments have been received to the abovementioned Resolutions, however the closing date for receipt of these by me is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2013 so it is possible that the situation may change.

PCC John Goodchild

## District Governor's Report – DG Lion Roger Munday

My year as Governor has been, and will continue to be, about Service and this coincided, without me knowing it at the time, with the International President's motto "We Serve" and the other side of this is that we need members to maintain and hopefully increase Service to our communities as well as our Multiple District and International Projects. Unfortunately, we have a developing membership crisis and I urge all clubs to review the opportunities for expanding membership. If help is needed please ask for it through either the Membership Team led by Pauline McCreanor, she will be here all weekend and she will take you through the options, or talk to me or the Vice Governors. I am showing below an analysis that Past District Governor Roger Huntley prepared in 2008. I have added the December 2012 figures to it and with an average club size of 20 members we have lost the equivalent of four clubs in four years. If we do nothing our district will have shrunk so that it descends into transition, below 1250 members, within four years with the financial implications and possible redistricting looming on the horizon. I do not want that do you?

District 105D	Nov. '08	Dec. '12	Net Loss to Date
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1403</b>	<b>1322</b>	<b>81</b>

TOTAL CLUBS	MEMBERSHIP ANALYSIS CLUB MEMBERSHIP					
	1-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30+
<b>67 Clubs and 1 Branch in '08.</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>66 Clubs and 3 Branches in '12.</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>

Déjà vu: I quote from IPDG Ron Twining's report of last year. "I have had to ask the GMT Coordinator to prioritise the rebuilding of a club that was about to close." I have an additional resource available, in conjunction with the GMT, from the qualification and renewal of qualification for Certified Guiding Lions at the Lions Awareness Day. I appointed two Guiding Lions to regenerate a club that would have closed by December last year without this action. Another Club asked for assistance and approached a Certified Guiding Lion for assistance and I made the appointment. These are two year appointments, registered with LCI with a reporting structure. I understand that there have been gaps in communication and I have requested that these are closed out.

At the time of writing Christine and very often a Driver from my club, Fleet, have visited 24 clubs and by the time we meet at Convention I plan to have visited 3 more. That will leave the Island clubs, Guernsey, Jersey, and the four Clubs and one Branch on the Isle of Wight. I look forward to those visits as the Winter passes away and we move into Spring, as it is the best thing about being Governor to visit Clubs and see how they all work so hard and enjoy fellowship. Christine and I have enjoyed so many Charter Anniversaries and it seems that the pace is quickening again and we are approaching a weekend with 3 charters in it and a fair amount of travel as well as water to cross.

I have been promoting the International President's Reading Action Program. It is a wonderful opportunity to engage with people of all ages who need help to improve or learn. I have found clubs that have members that do this already. Why not start a scheme in your area. I have also witnessed 14 young people receive their certificates as graduates of the Young PCSO Scheme. This was run by Cosham in conjunction with Hampshire Police why not look on the web to see if your County force run the scheme. It is a good contact with both the Youth and Police in our areas. I am working to promote the Young Leaders in Service Programme and interest is building in it. Contact Yorky Tuke or me. Alan Chapman is the Lion to contact for the Lions Life Skills programme that is the new name for Tacade since Lions105MD aquired the assets and stock of Tacade. There are lots to do and many Lions and Clubs do so much already. I really want to thank you all.

I have been so lucky this year with Council of Governors we are getting the business done in a friendly and cohesive way. We also enjoy each other's company on a social basis. As I write this I have to tell you that we do not have a candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor and I cannot understand why qualified Lions would want to miss this opportunity. This has been a fantastic roller coaster ride from the time that PDG Pat Nixon asked me to be Zone Chairman in 2006 when she was selecting her Cabinet. If you are qualified please stand up for election it would also be good to have a meaningful election with more than one candidate. That would be a healthy situation for the incoming Governor and Vice Governor.

I am looking forward to Convention and to meeting as many of you as I can over the weekend. Let's have good debate and good fellowship.

Finally may I remind you about Lion Christine's chosen Charity for the year:

**Hope for Tomorrow** As Cancer survivors we want to see this charity expand throughout our district to bring Chemotherapy to a place near all our homes so that we do not have to travel to a hospital in the event that we may become needful of treatment.

**Roger Munday**

## **Immediate Past District Governor Report – Lion Ron Twining**

Since my Convention at Norton Grange, on the Isle of Wight last year, until the Handover to DG Lion Roger in July, I continued to visit the clubs and carry out all my duties as required. Since the start of my year as IPDG, I have carried out any requests as required by DG Lion Roger. I have also chaired the Finance committee, and assisted my wife Lion Ann in her role as MIAB Officer.

I must say that I have been proud to have served the District as your DG for the year 2011 to 2012; I feel that this district is one of the best.

Although I kept my pledge regarding the planting of trees for the International President Lion Tam, to a low number the district exceeded my pledge, for which I thank you. Also I did not set my target on membership too high, in fact I only said I wanted to finish on a positive number from the start of my year. This you achieved despite set backs with the half year and end of year drop outs; we still achieved a positive finish by finishing 10 members up at the end of June from the number at the start of July. This was achieved mainly through the help of the Membership Team, Zone, and Region Chairmen, but mostly the Clubs, who stopped 2 clubs from closing, started 2 new branch clubs and recruited a very large number of new members in the year. I thank you all for this, well done, it may not have been a large number but I understand it was the first time in 8 years that this district has finished on a positive. I feel it proves that this district can do it and is the best, in my opinion; I am so proud of you all, and to have served as your DG.

I thank all my Cabinet, District Officers, Club Officers and fellow Lions for all the help they gave me over the year, also the lovely gifts they gave Ann and I, but above all I thank every Lion in this District for supporting me over the year, it was a year we will never forget.

Although I may now be a PDG, I will always be willing to help any Lion, Lions Club or future Cabinet and DG, in any way I can. As my International President said if you believe you can do something, then you can. I know that you all believe in "Lions Clubs International" and our motto "We Serve", as do I, and "I believe" we can grow in numbers and in "Service to the Community", whilst having "Fun and Fellowship", so let us carry on doing what we do best.

### **IPDG Lion Ron Twining**

## **District Secretary Report – PDG Lion Godwin Micallef**

My role this year has been similar to prior years which include minute taking at various District meetings and supporting the Clubs with District mailings and assistance, when requested.

I am conscious of the many large, and sometimes repetition of information, sent as attachments within the District Mailing. At the Long Range Planning meeting I suggested that we should look at this in order to minimise the number of documents sent via email. To this end, I have started to send attachments as links from our website and am encouraging District Officers to update web pages on our District web site.

There are a number of reasons for this:-

1. To reduce the size of the emails which often cause problems for some recipients and me, as they are far too large. Some email providers reject such large mails, and I have to split them into multiple emails for some people.
2. A portion of the attachments are what I call repetitive information, relating to ongoing projects or Competitions.  
This information should be on the District web site and, when relevant, a brief reminder sent out when it has been updated or just a sentence to remind us to support certain projects. E.g. we do not need the full information sent as attachments.
3. I appreciate that most Secretaries do pass on the Mailing information to their members, but not all do.  
By having the information on our web site, the information will be available to everyone and will provide a central place for storing / retrieving information.

We have started this process and are at the early stages of it at the moment, so please bear with us whilst we develop it further.

The other suggestions were to minimise costs of printing and postage by having other information on the web site. E.g.

1. The District Directory which often requires updating by the time it has been printed and sent out.  
This information will still be restricted and will only be accessible to those who are authorised to access such information. This will be updated as necessary; therefore, will always be up to date. It will also be printable for those who wish to have a hard copy.

2. We only send out one Convention Book to each Club and each District Officer. Apart from the cost of printing and delivering, this also contains a lot of repetitious information that the Clubs have already seen. Again, if the information is available elsewhere, e.g. the District web site, then it does not have to be repeated, but just referred to.

This information will be available to anyone, via the web, and there will also be a History of prior year's Convention information.

Please do not see these initiatives as forcing technology on you.

It is an attempt to reduce costs, minimise repetitive information and, more importantly, make the information available to everyone, as well as a History to refer back to.

As ever, 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**

### **2011 – 2012:**

End of Year final accounts for both the Administration and Charitable Trust have been confirmed by our independent examiner and circulated to all clubs. They can also be viewed on District 105D website.

Final accounts as recommended by the Finance Committee, endorsed by Cabinet are to be taken to Convention for ratification.

### **2012-2013:**

**Administration Account:** Expenditure YTD (December 2012) appears to be on target at this mid-point in the year. Details can be found in the relevant column on the Proposed BUDGET PLAN 2013-2014.

**Charitable Trust:** Details of charity donations YTD are updated at the end of each calendar month, and can be viewed on the 105D website. Thank you for supporting our Lions projects and appeals so generously.

### **BUDGET PLAN 2013-2014**

This budget plan 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 2012. You will note from these details that the proposed Resolution for District Convention does require an increase in dues. A decision that was not taken lightly, but considered imperative to maintain the level of reserve funds at an acceptable level. The level of proposed expenditure was carefully analysed and reductions made where possible.

### **Other Relevant Matters:**

Given the current economy quite naturally there will continue to be concerns regarding the cost of membership. Official dues, including all known increases and exchange rates as at December 2012, still equate to **less than £1.16 per week**. This of course does not include any local costs incurred by individual clubs. Concessions apply to International Dues **only** for Life, Family and Student membership.

Once again, our thanks go to Messrs. Gilroy and Brookes for efficiently inspecting our accounts and making our reporting deadlines possible.

I would like to say a big thank you to all club treasurers for making payments on time and ensuring that balances with Oakbrook and Multiple District are up to date. My thanks also go to the Finance Committee for the support offered during the past year.

Financial Information page on District 105D website is frequently updated with additional information. Please let me know if there are any items you feel would be useful additions.

If you have any specific financial queries relating to the final end of year accounts or the budget plan, that may require further investigation on my part, it would be appreciated if you could please contact me ahead of District Convention.

105D ADMINISTRATION	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2011-2012		2012-2013	2012-2013	2013-2014	
	final	final	final	BUDGET	final		BUDGET	YTD	PLAN	
INCOME	30-Jun-09	30-Jun-10	30-Jun-11		30-Jun-12			31-Dec-12		INCOME
Membership Dues	12584	12482	12295	12510	12154		12375	6070	14850	Membership Dues
Interest Net	307									Interest Net
Affinity Card after Royalties	287	236	208		186					Affinity Card
Sundry Income (Handover)	24	75	45		72					Sundry Income
Convention Social		762	612							Convention Social
Leos(Closure Dist.Leo a/c)	791									Leos
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>13993</b>	<b>13555</b>	<b>13160</b>	<b>12510</b>	<b>12412</b>		<b>12375</b>	<b>6070</b>	<b>14850</b>	<b>Total Income</b>
EXPENDITURE										EXPENDITURE
District										District
District Governor	800	800	800	800	800	100%	800	400	800	District Governor
District Secretary	415	488	592	800	804	100%	700	231	650	District Secretary
District Treasurer	224	268	328	350	279	80%	325	57	300	District Treasurer
Sgt at Arms	94	106		100			100	18	100	Sgt at Arms
DG Advisory Cttee				100			100		100	DG Advisory Cttee
Almoner		69	67	100	106	106%	100		130	Almoner
Region 1	141	237	267	250	352	141%	250		250	Region 1
Region 2	198	303	366	500	543	109%	400	80	500	Region 2
Region 3	167	44	52	250	99	40%	250	64	250	Region 3
Region 4	0		80	250	96	38%	250		250	Region 4
Region 5	79	76	165	250	210	84%	250	105	250	Region 5
Forums & Room Hire	733	732	2036	2200	1229	56%	2200		2000	Forums & Room Hire
Insurance	0									
Equipment/Regalia	162	459	66	450	495	110%	300		200	Equipment/Regalia
Island Travel	566	620	1224	850	606	71%	1250	408	1150	Island Travel
Bank Charges	140		4							Bank Charges
Tax	3	4								Tax
Room Hire (Cabinet)	536	400	450	700	280	40%	600		500	Room Hire (Cabinet)
Miscellaneous	0	267	100	200	150	75%	200	425	100	Miscellaneous
<b>Total District</b>	<b>4259</b>	<b>4873</b>	<b>6597</b>	<b>8150</b>	<b>6049</b>		<b>8075</b>	<b>1788</b>	<b>7530</b>	<b>Total District</b>
Committees										Committees
Communications	395	697	302	900	120	13%	750	147	400	Communications
Community Service	822	476	377	1100	797	72%	900	366	700	Community Service
Convention	2387	3816	3032	4000	2846	71%	4000	2000	4000	Convention
Convention Social	1724				6756					Convention Social
Finance	226	320	274	450	281	62%	350	143	280	Finance
International Relations	224	479	173	1000	420	42%	900		500	International Relations
Long Range Planning	80	429	534	500	119	24%	500	119	360	Long Range Planning
Lord Mayor Show	527	743	624	750	714	95%	500		500	Lord Mayor Show
Membership Drives (net )	50	400	180	1500	313	21%	1000	50	1000	Membership Drives
GMT/GLT	1486	1487	1400	1450	1336	92%	1200	236	2000	GMT/GLT
New sletter	496	374								New sletter
PR	0	168	341	700	319	46%	500		450	PR
Training	-90			440			440		440	Training
Youth	939	650	1067	1800	574	32%	1000	181	650	Youth
<b>Total Committees</b>	<b>9266</b>	<b>10039</b>	<b>8304</b>	<b>14590</b>	<b>14595</b>		<b>12040</b>	<b>3242</b>	<b>11280</b>	<b>Total Committees</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>13525</b>	<b>14912</b>	<b>14901</b>	<b>22740</b>	<b>20644</b>	91%	<b>20115</b>	<b>5030</b>	<b>18810</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>
Shortfall/Surplus	<b>468</b>	<b>-1357</b>	<b>-1741</b>	<b>-10230</b>	<b>-8232</b>	80%	<b>-7740</b>	<b>1040</b>	<b>-3960</b>	Shortfall/Surplus
Members	1400			<b>1390</b>	1347		1375	1349	1350	Members
	9.00			<b>9.00</b>	<b>9.00</b>		9.00	4.50	11.00	
Reserves										Reserves
Administration	26628	2039	2327	22262	15404					Administration
Leos	791	80	26	685	685					Leos
Convention Business	5000			5000	5000					Convention Business
Convention Social	0	-762	-612	1374	0					Convention Social
Membership	2445			2445	2445					Membership
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>34864</b>	<b>1357</b>	<b>1741</b>	<b>31766</b>	<b>23534</b>		<b>15794</b>		<b>11834</b>	<b>Total Reserves</b>

## **Finance Committee Report – Lion IPDG Ron Twining**

The committee consists of the following Officers:-

IPDG Ron Twining (Chairman), Linda Picton (District Treasurer), PDG Godwin Micallef ( District Secretary), PDG Brigid Hendy, PDG Judith Goodchild, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG David Merchant and 2nd VDG Mike Hendy.

The purpose of the committee is to provide support and back up for the District Treasurer, also to monitor the District accounts, expenditure, Budgets and contracts. This we have been doing with the Conventions, Handovers and District Services. The team also assists in any other financial matters in the District when requested to do so.

We decided at the beginning of the year to reduce the number of actual meetings and to use conference calls if and when they were needed, and to keep in touch via email. Using this criteria, there being no known reason to hold a meeting prior to the January Cabinet at the time of writing this report, I cancelled the scheduled January meeting.

The biggest problem we had to tackle was the rising costs of running the district, reducing meetings and cheaper venues where not always the best option. So with the advice of the Treasurer we tackled the budgets making savings where we could. We also looked at savings in costs of printing reports for conventions and other meetings to see if by using modern electronic technology we could make some savings, this we have proposed. The only other option was to increase the Members Dues. Proposals on this were put to the Oct/Nov Cabinet Meetings and the committee's proposal was passed. A more in depth report on this is given by the Treasurer.

## **Long Range Planning Report – Lion 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Mike Hendy**

Since taking office in July 2012, the LRPC has met twice – first in July to identify issues that needed discussing and then, after a meeting of an ad-hoc committee of experienced convention organisers, again in October to discuss their findings about future District Conventions before the scheduled October Cabinet meeting.

1. **District Conventions** – the committee discussed the format of future District Conventions recognising that attendee numbers are falling. Issues addressed included venues, format, organisation and value for money. Cabinet accepted the findings of the committee in full and, whilst some findings and recommendations may be introduced in 2014, it is intended to bring in the full recommendations in Convention 2015. One item that will be introduced immediately is the setting up of a standing District Committee to look at possible Convention venues and, using their negotiating skills and experience with conventions, get the best value for money on conventions by setting up venues by rotation and seeking the best deal for repeat business from the hoteliers.

It is likely in the future that Host Night may be 'downgraded' to just a buffet and simple entertainment to save costs on social functions; the business session would start later Saturday morning (with a scaled down opening ceremony) to allow more time for travelling to the venue (and possibly negating the need for one night overnight stay) and encourage more attendees to what is their AGM. If possible the AGM would be finished by lunchtime followed by useful and thought provoking workshops in the afternoon. There were also discussions about the most appropriate time/opportunity to present District Competition prizes which can take at least 30 minutes of the convention programme currently. Finally there was agreement that the Banquet and Ball should remain with speeches, as now, kept to the bare minimum to satisfy accepted protocol. Sunday would remain the time for an impromptu chat with the International Guest

If you have any further comments about future conventions and how they might be improved then please feel free to contact me

2. **District Efficiencies** – the other matter discussed by the LRPC and agreed at the subsequent cabinet meeting was the opportunity to make further efficiencies and, by default, financial savings, by extended use of web media for transmission of District mailings. This includes the District Directory, Convention Reports Handbook, New Members Handbook and web links to District mailing content rather than a plethora of attached Microsoft Office attachments. These will all be phased in between 2013 and 2014 and will ensure that members will always have access to the most up to date versions of documents.

Should any further items be brought to the attention of the LRPC either from the January Cabinet Meeting or indeed at the convention, the committee still has a meeting slot scheduled for May which could be utilised or indeed be managed by conference call – again a very efficient and cost effective way of conducting business.

**Lion 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Mike Hendy**

## **District Almoner – Lion Eric Nixon**

The District Book of Remembrance is the permanent way in which we can remember those Lions that have passed to higher service, I thank the team of backup Lions who ensure that all elements of Remembrance are in place..

As stated in my letter to all Clubs it is essential that I am informed of Deaths, Anniversaries, Illness etc in order that I can take the appropriate actions, as requested by the District Governor, to maintain an up to date list of Lions in 105D who have passed to Higher Service or who are ill either at home or in hospital. This, I think, should also cover ex Lions who, over many years, have given loyal support to our organisation. At least they could then be recognised at District Cabinet meetings. I personally have attended at the funerals of local Lions and ex Lions and am always amazed at the attendance of the many ex Lions. Perhaps, as I have said before, in our hearts we will always be “Lions” and wish to remember those with whom we have “Served”.

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

**Lion Eric Nixon**

## **District GLT Report – Lion PDG Colin Rickman**

Taking over the at the start of this Lionistic year has meant a bit of a slow start, however the majority of the leadership activities have been arranged and carried out by Regional and Zone chairmen therefore the activities will be found in their reports.

The important area that GLT along with GMT working on is for planning the activities for 2013/14 The current draft plan to ensure that we assist the membership with the knowledge and equipment to promote membership, inspire potential leaders of the district to be ambassadors of Lions clubs international.

I list the plan to enable Lions members to have advance notice and to have an opportunity to contact the Leadership team with ideas and requirements to meet the needs of the club or Zone

### **The Plan for 2013**

May 2013 Incoming Club officers and new Members workshops

June 2013 Incoming ZC & DO Forum

September 2013 Regional Chairman & Zone Chairman Leadership/Memberships Training Workshops

October Sunday 13th Winter Membership & PR workshop plus other subjects depending on what has been requested

November - Potential District Governors an informal day for lions who wish to understand and inspire to becoming a DG

May 2014 Incoming club officers and new members' workshops (Regionally based)

May 2014 Incoming Regional, Zone Chairman & District officers Forum

The GMT/GLT team will be organizing and number of Membership road shows across the District during 2013/14.

I would plead with clubs to let us know what assistance is required or let us know of any successful leadership or membership events you have held, as we want to help you by providing assistance and equipment to grow our organization and inspire our future leaders.

**Lion PDG Colin Rickman**

## **Global Membership Report – Pauline McCreanor**

Membership within the district at the time of writing this report is not as positive as we would have hoped as at the 31<sup>st</sup> of December our net loss is 26 members this equates to one full club lost. Within our own district we have introduced the Signature Projects these are an excellent tool to be used for membership and to help us be recognised within our communities for all the work we do raising funds and assisting people less fortunate than ourselves, we have boards and literature along with presenters for all clubs and Zones to make use of. Once again we are revising the extension plan in the hope that clubs will support it, as new clubs and club branches are definitely a way forward, a new club or a club branch working alongside an existing club can increase the help we give and also relieve the pressure on the members we already have, thus increasing and retaining our membership, a great deal of hard work by PDG Lion Fred Massey has gone into this and as a team we hope that you will read it with an open mind and seriously think about using it within your clubs and zones. Since last years Convention we have updated the new members handbook with a short paragraph about GMT, we have also devised an application form for clubs to use when applying to district for a membership grant. We applied for and were lucky enough to be given a grant from MD to launch membership road shows this money has helped us to purchase a Lions Gazebo and literature along with feather flags and banners and we hope along with the GLT to roll these out into the district in the near future.



### **District Extension Officer – 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion David Merchant**

I have attended a number of Clubs and Zones as part of my remit for 1<sup>st</sup> VDG, with responsibility for Extension within the Global Membership Team.

Since our last District Convention no new Clubs have been chartered however I can report the two Branch Clubs formed by The Lions Club of Fleet earlier in 2012 continue to flourish and there is every hope one, Aldershot, will be chartered as a full Lions Club before the end of the current lionistic year.

The other positive news regarding Extension concerns The Lions Club of Bridport which is close to establishing a Branch Club. This new Branch Club will have been established before the end of June if not before our District Convention in March.

If you wish to find out more about establishing a Branch Club in your area contact Fleet Lions or Bridport Lions and be inspired to follow their lead.

I am available to assist any Club with plans for Extension, especially those looking beyond an increase in numbers to the formation of a full Lions Club or a Branch Club or a Leo Club. The District Extension Plan is being revisited by the Global Membership Team to help Clubs identify potential areas for growth within our District.

### **District Membership Officer – 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Mike Hendy**

Since 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 I have made 14 club visits and 3 zone visits as part of the visit schedule of the DG team. In addition I have attended GMT and GLT meetings at both District and MD level alongside District meetings of the Finance Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee which I chair as 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG. Members of the DG team have kept in regular touch along with a face to face review meeting with the DG and 1<sup>st</sup> VDG in January 2013.

On all my visits to clubs there appears to be no problem with the concept of team visits, that is, visits shared by members of the DG Team. This is working well as far as I am concerned and I hope it is the same for other members of the DG Team, it certainly makes it easier for me being in full time work and is obviously the way forward

At the time of compiling this report, we continue to haemorrhage members from our clubs in this district. For the first 6 months of this year, from WMMR reports submitted to LCI, we have added 50 members but lost 76 – these are mixture of long serving members and relatively newer members. This figure may be greater as there is a hard core of clubs who do not complete the WMMR report on a regular basis so who knows how many more new or lost members there may really be. Have the clubs followed the International President's message to look at where they are as a club – we do have the appropriate tools available to assist? If clubs, Region and Zone Chairmen don't know where to find them then please ask me or other members in the DG team or GMT/GLT; that's what we are all here for.

### **Region 1 Chairman – Lion Peter Burnett**

The membership of clubs in Region 1 has dropped by 3 in the first six months of the year. We now have 6 clubs with membership between 10 and 20, 4 clubs with membership in the 20's and two clubs with 30 members.

Previously I have been concerned that several of the big town clubs are increasingly struggling to attract members. This problem is now starting to affect some of the historically strong market town clubs. I am concerned that Sherborne & Blandford Clubs both in towns with a strong community are now finding it difficult to recruit new members.

All clubs are trying to increase membership and most of them now have roll up banners and a supply of membership leaflets to use at events to try and attract potential recruits.

Bridport Club are well on the way to forming a branch club to attract younger members who are more interested in fund raising events than necessarily attending meetings twice a month.

The plans for a North Bournemouth branch club have not progressed this year mainly due to the fact that the Zone & Region Chairmen have been too busy at work.

I am pleased to see that some of the Zone b clubs have set up Facebook pages. Social media is going to become increasingly important over the next few years both to attracting potential members and also advertising events. If as an organisation we do not embrace new technology such as Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter we will continue in a downward spiral, complaining that our average age is getting higher.

### **Zone 1A Chairman – Lion John Lay-Flurrie**

The membership of the five Zone 1a Clubs has risen by 8% to 108, but this conceals the sad loss of Blackmore Vale President Colin France to higher service and 3 other senior members lost to Lionism. The Clubs have held two successful social events, as well as four well attended zone meetings.

The 5 clubs have continued an extensive programme of fund raising and service events, individually and in collaboration with other groups, serving the population of these widely varying communities.

4 of the Clubs have agreed to support a Zone Project; initiating, through EDP, mentoring support for older residents seeking to control their alcohol usage. Our zone calendar has enabled clubs to share key activities, especially those where they welcomed support from other clubs.

The Future:

Following successful hosting of the Lions Youth Brass Band last summer, Clubs are now supporting District and MD in planning suitable activities for the International Youth Camp at Osmington Bay in the summer of 2013.

Following concerns about the age of members, and the lack of members to take on active leadership roles, clubs have pursued their own plans. Bridport are pursuing the establishment of a Branch, based on their project groups, while others have explored a rotation model.

Clubs welcomed the introduction of Signature Projects, but felt they are of limited relevance to their communities and in raising the profile of Lions.

### **Zone 1B Chairman – Lion Debbie Burnett**

The membership of the Zone 1b Clubs has dropped by 1 to 130, four clubs are on -1, one has not moved and two are up in membership by 1 & 2 respectively. The Clubs have two social events planned for later in the year and up to writing this report we have held two zone meetings. Following the last one of these some of the clubs in the zone have now set up Facebook pages.

All the clubs continue to serve their communities fully, both in welfare activities and by regular fund-raising events.

All of the Clubs have agreed to once again support the Zone Project which thanks to Lion Nigel Barnes of Wareham will once again be a fun day in June at Redcliffe Farm in Wareham. All the clubs send people to take part but more importantly they normally all send members of the clubs to help. It is probably the highlight of the year for the Zone Chairman seeing all the clubs working together.

The Future:

All the clubs are trying to increase their membership numbers, but some of them are giving cause for concern. The clubs which are struggling for members have been offered help but at the moment do not want District help, preferring to go it alone.

Wareham club is organising the Gala Dinner at the finish of the International Youth Camp at Osmington Bay in the summer of 2013. They are also hosting the Lions Youth Brass Band when they tour this year and many of the clubs in the zone are taking advantage of this to organise events with them.

### **Region 2 Chairman – Lion Alan Chapman**

The Region 2 team is working well to encourage their clubs to be more aware of the need to increase or maintain their membership numbers. I am aware that Region officers have offered to attend clubs and Zone meetings especially the Membership and Leadership officers who are working as a team and spreading the word regarding the reasons to keep membership in the forefront of club priorities and the use of Social Media as tool to advertise the clubs' activities and make the public more aware of what Lions clubs do within their communities.

I have attended Zone meetings where membership has been discussed and I am sure that all clubs are aware of the necessity to encourage younger members into their clubs, one member said during one of these discussions, "We were young when we joined and it is therefore sensible to bring younger members into Lionism". This comment made me realise that, in many clubs, members are possibly looking at membership with the wrong age area as it's a well known fact that they look at people of their own age rather than one or two generations below theirs. My thoughts regarding the future of Lionism is the formation of Club Branches, this to my mind is the way to bring in new younger members without disrupting the traditions of clubs.

### **Region 2 Membership – Lion Rick Jotcham**

Ideas moving forward:

1. All zones should be encouraged to not only discuss membership but to ensure that it is an agenda item whenever they meet. If it looks like ideas within the zone are becoming stale then they should know that they can get help from a membership officer and should not be frightened to ask.
2. Clubs need to be encouraged to embrace new technology. Having a Facebook page is a very simple way of creating a dynamic series of photographs and reports that can be accessed by all. It is much less work than a website and younger (anyone under 50 these days) often have direct links to their smart phone.
3. We should encourage non-Lions to 'Like' their local Facebook page. This will create a bond that may flourish later into a full member.
4. We still need to enhance the image of Lions. It is still compared directly with Rotary and Round Table which are seen as 'old man's' clubs. We need to enhance the younger member image and seriously find ways of shaking up incredibly boring meetings such as Cabinet and District. Currently taking a visitor to one of those is the 'kiss of death' for membership.
5. There seems to be a lot younger members in US. Perhaps we should commission a study to review what they are doing and how they are perceived to see if we can apply any of their experiences.

## **Region 2 Leadership – Lion Alice Adcock**

Attending Zone meetings to encourage clubs to sign up and make use of the Social Media as a means of communicating with the public and making them aware of Lionism in their community.

## **Region 2 PR – Lion Andrew Robinson**

I have offered advice to clubs in the region on the areas of PR and marketing. Since the start of this Lionistic year I have been encouraging clubs to make regular press releases and have a database of PR contacts to enable me to point clubs in the right direction. The areas on which I have assisted clubs has ranged from specific events to general club activities.

## **Zone C Chairman – Lion Andrew Thompson**

Holding regular Zone meetings with an emphasis on membership and the Zone project which is for all Zone and other clubs to provide funding for the purchase of Bee Hives at a Community Farm for an educational Apiary.

## **Zone E Chairman – Lion Geoffery Kay**

In Zone 2E there are five Lions Clubs and they are Hythe & Waterside near Southampton, Lymington & Brockenhurst, New Milton, Christchurch with Ringwood & Fordingbridge that are in or border The New Forest. All these clubs are, and like every club, trying to retain and improve membership and busy raising funds by running a steam fayre, carnivals, car boot sales and many other activities. The Lions Club of Christchurch went through a difficult period earlier this year due to internal politics with the culmination of several members leaving to go to another club that in this case was The Lions Club of Bournemouth. Despite these moves Christchurch is continuing to flourish and slowly improve membership. Lions Den was introduced to this Zone by Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club last year and is slowly being adopted by other clubs where the emphasis is getting Lions known in the schools with hopefully some Interest in becoming a Lion developed in their parents.

## **Region 3 Chairman – Lion Micky Turner**

I'm writing this report in early January. Every thing is positive, it's not snowing - we still have a Region 3 - that means we have members. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Presidents, Zone Chairs, the Guiding Lions, and the many Lions who have put so much hard work into the region over the past year.

## **Zone 3F Chairman – Lion Barry Woolcott**

At the time of our last convention the membership in our zone was as follows: Fareham 9, Crofton 16, Gosport 9, Southampton, Solent 8, Swanwick 13, Total of 55.

Now at the end of 2012 the figures are:

Fareham 10, Crofton 17, Gosport 12, Southampton Solent 6, Swanwick 11, Total of 56.

Part of the reason for the losses is that all the clubs in the zone have considered their membership and found that there was a number of inactive members that were doing nothing else than making up the numbers. We now have a membership that is much more realistic and hopefully the clubs can move forward with. Fareham has received some financial help from district for a membership drive and Southampton Solent has a guiding Lion on board. However it is clear that it will take some time for progress to be made.

Despite the low membership numbers all clubs are very active and working hard in the community and the commitment of the clubs in general is very good.

Recently all the clubs are having difficulties in financing their Charter Nights and are seeking ways of reducing costs.

I am pleased to report that Zone meetings have been very well attended with all clubs represented.

## **Zone G Report - Lion Roger Huntley**

All Clubs in the Zone are active with a full programme of fundraising and community service activities, despite the current difficult economic climate; fundraising results are often proving to be better than expected, however it appears to be getting more difficult to get support from major outlets and supermarkets with fundraising.

Membership in the Zone remains stable, at the time of writing this report the Zone total at 71 is plus three year to date, which is a clear indication of the effort being put in by all clubs on Membership and in particular Retention.

Five Zone meetings were scheduled for this Lionistic year, to enable each of the four full Clubs and the Cowes Club Branch an opportunity to host, two meetings have to date taken place hosted by the Newport Club in August where there was a presentation by the GMT Coordinator and Region Membership officer, the 1<sup>st</sup> VDG was also in attendance, the Sandown & Shanklin Club hosted the November meeting at which the District

Competitions Officer gave a presentation, there was a satisfactory attendance at both meetings, the third meeting will be 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2013 at Ryde, with further meetings 20<sup>th</sup> March at Ventnor and 15<sup>th</sup> May at Cowes, Visitors expected to attend the January meeting are the Region Chairman and a speaker from the charity Breathe Easy, guest speaker at the March meeting will be The British Red Cross and in May the District GMT Coordinator will give a further presentation

All Clubs in the Zone have been visited once between July and December 2012, with the District Governor planning to visit all clubs in the Zone during the period January to June 2013, other visitations will be arranged on an as and if required basis, Clubs and the Zone are not without problems, some being more serious than others, where problems do occur, determined effort is being encouraged and made to address the situation, a problem with clubs not adhering to the District Constitution when fundraising in other club operating areas.

### **Zone H Chairman – Lion Mike Brown**

The clubs in this zone seem to be jogging along in the right direction, Hayling Island are due to increase their membership by adding a further three or four younger members to the fold, as usual the activities during the last few months were at a very high level with satisfactory balance sheets to show for it. Havant have been busy recruiting new members and recently raised £1,000 by cultivating growths on their top lips, culminating in a mass shave off which brought much publicity in their area. Waterlooville have been fairly quiet but with the help of guiding lions Ann and Roger have changed their business meeting venue. At their next meeting they will be badging up a new recruit (one small step etc). Portsmouth have been busy over the last few months and have new members in the pipeline. Cosham have had a very busy time leading up to Christmas with one of their members growing a full set of white whiskers and hiring himself out as you know who, he was in great demand to other clubs and associations even making national publicity in Woman's Own. They have three prospective new members who have been helping out at various fund raising events. All in all the Zone is going in the right direction and there will be a good number more than at the beginning of the year.

### **Region 3 Membership/Leadership Officer – Lion Ann Huntley**

There has been a small but steady increase in membership in the Region during the last few months. It is hoped this will continue

Guiding Lions are working with two clubs in the Region this should continue for the next two years.

It is that the two clubs receiving support will increase their membership.

To find a new meeting venue for one of the clubs which is receiving support from Guiding lions

Flyers have been prepared for distribution in the relevant area.

Distribution of leaflets has begun.

A new venue has hopefully been found for the club that required it.

I continue to work with 3H Zone Chairman in regard to strengthening one of the clubs in his Zone.

### **Region 4 Chairman – Lion Geoff Foan**

At the time of writing this report I have attended one Zone meeting and held meetings with the directors of another club. Progress within the Region has been maintained, and all clubs are active in their support to local and international projects. Reviewing those activities show a varied range of fund raising methods ranging from running large scale events to participating in local events organised by other agencies. These demonstrate that the clubs are active in raising the funds that are necessary to support their local communities, providing help to those in need. Clubs also show their support for a number of international activities either through LCIF or through local contacts.

At this stage in the Lionistic year, the membership figures for the Region show a loss of three when compared to the June 2012 figures. However, some clubs are looking to start membership drives because of the realization that although they may have an adequate number of active members at present, the age profile of the club is such that in a relatively short time there could be a significant loss of effectiveness in the service that they are able to provide to the local community. At least two of the Region Clubs have reported that they have new members who will be badged up in the New Year. It is hoped that by the end of the Lionistic year there will be a net gain in the number of members.

Later in the year it is hoped that an orientation session for new members will be held either as a Region 4 initiative, or as a joint effort with Region 5. The venue and timing have not yet been agreed but it is likely to be after Convention.

Finally I would like to thank the Zone Chairs for their hard work and commitment, and for providing the forum for communication and debate that helps the clubs to function effectively. I would also like to thank the Region Membership and Leadership officers for their help and support.

#### **Zone 4I Chairman – Lion Mike Baker**

Meetings have been attended at each club and dialogue has continued through email and telephone when necessary. In addition attendance at a function managed by Woolmer Forest and supported by Alton and Petersfield clubs enabled further contact with Lions in the zone and to observe another club at 'work'

There have been reports from 'cabinet' members regarding individual clubs and in each instance these have been followed up and satisfactory results achieved.

A zone meet has been with an agenda focusing on publicity, public relations and membership. The belief is that these subjects are interlinked and that by encouraging the clubs to discuss the issues together, mainly on experiences of what works and what doesn't, a free and useful exchange of ideas would result. It was also possible, for things that have worked well, to draw out the methods how success was achieved.

The result was as predicted and with all these fresh ideas each club agreed commit to a 'Membership Goal' of increasing club membership from the present levels by one each year over the next three years.

It is planned to have two further meeting based on this format and focussing in turn firstly on fund raising events and secondly on distribution of raised funds.

In the period leading up to and including December all the clubs in the Zone have been actively fund raising and although there continues to be gloomy economic news it is clear that Lions have encouraged people in this Zone to maintain and sometimes exceed their usual levels of generosity. In particular the clubs have been claiming record results from their annual or Christmas collections (i.e. when money is just collected rather than in return for staging an event or performing a service) and this mainly results from public recognition of the services provided by the clubs.

This is a 'well done' on two counts, firstly a record collection which in turn leads to a better distribution spread to folk less fortunate than ourselves and secondly for the achievement of public recognition of the 'brand'.

#### **Zone 4J Chairman – Lion Judith Colby**

There have been 2 Zone meetings to date and I have made visits to 2 Zone Clubs. District Officer Judith Goodchild spoke to us about the environmental competitions and Region Chair Geoff Foan has made his official visit to the Zone. We are looking forward to welcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Mike Hendy to our meeting in January. The Zone meetings have been well attended and there has been a free exchange of ideas between clubs.

All 5 clubs in the Zone are active and healthy with increasing membership. Prospective club members have attended Zone meetings, which has given them a wider perspective of what being a Lion is all about.

The Zone Clubs have collaborated on 2 welfare projects: Make Molly Mobile and Crisis at Christmas. Each club has contributed what they were able, but the total has made a significant difference to each project. On my club visits I have been encouraging members to attend our Zone meetings both for the social aspect and to find out more about what other clubs do.

I have attended all scheduled Cabinet meetings and feed back to the Zone at each meeting. I also use the meetings to gauge the views of clubs about up-coming decisions and take these views to Cabinet.

I look forward to working with clubs for the rest of the year to build on this good start.

#### **Zone 4K Chairman – Lion Ken Carter**

At present two Zone meetings have taken place been held, a further three meeting are planned with agreed hosts. Attendance at the first meeting in September was 28, which was hosted by Yateley Lions. During this meeting PDG Lion Judith Goodchild detailed the various competitions, especially the environmental ones in which the DG had asked her to get the ball rolling on. Lion President Brian Proctor detailed the great success of the Funfest event held in June was, the only down side to this event was the state of the field after the event has meant that it can no longer be held at Calthorpe Park School. Lion Brian did inform us that 2 other venues are being explored.

The second meeting was hosted by Fleet Lions Club Branch (Aldershot Lions). Thanks to the effort of their President Lion Ian Hambleton, a great evening was had by us all. Attendance at the event was 38, and the meeting provided a good forum for discussion and communication. During this meeting Lion Christine Munday gave us a talk on the Reading Action Programme, which is one of the projects out International President Lion Wayne Madden is supporting this year.

A few Zone Chair visits have been conducted with the remaining to be held in the New Year. A visit to Farnborough Lions with the Regional Chairman was conducted with an aim to help the club with membership and also promotional events in the future.

The first half of the Lionistic Year has been one of positive progress within the Zone, with all clubs being active in their local communities and also in their support of International causes. As Zone Chair I will work to ensure that this positive attitude continues in the second half of the year.

### **Zone 5 Chairman – Lion Brigid Hendy**

Since taking over office in July 2012 from Lion Marilyn Rolfe, Zone L has so far held two meetings combined with Zone M with the third planned for January 2013 which will be a dinner meeting. The meetings continue to be attended by representatives of all clubs.

Membership of the Zone in March 2012 was 124 members; the figures at the end of Dec 2012 stand at 125 made up as follows:

- Burnham 15
- Henley 28
- Maidenhead 38
- Slough 14
- Windsor 30

All clubs continue to be active serving their communities; the region 5 inter club bowling competition has also been revived and games are now being arranged and this provides the opportunity for good social fellowship between the clubs

As I write we are now arranging a Region 5 new members Lions Information session and discussions have also been initiated with Lion Richard Winrow (ex Windsor) for a repeat of his popular social media workshop including a session on photography.

### **Youth Committee – Chairman Lion Yorky Tuke**

Most clubs are fully engaged in various Youth activities, some involving District Project and others are carrying out their own forms of youth work. The important thing is that no matter how we are involved we must recognise that the young people of today are 100% of our future. They deserve all the support, encouragement and recognition that we can give them.

### **Leo and YC2013 – Lion John Apps**

#### **Leo Clubs**

The Omega LEO club of Guernsey is now 4 years old, well established and doing well. When I visited them in November they were inviting 2 new members to join. It is of interest that the President is aged 23 and a legal secretary, the Club Secretary is a qualified Chartered accountant aged 24. Four members of the Lions Club are former Leos – Could this be the future of Lionism?

The 2 school based Leo Clubs of Blandford and Portsmouth are active but their membership fluctuates dependent upon exams and other activities. I am concerned that the reality of keeping both of them going is a strain on school resources – the liaison teacher's role is paramount to success.

In the last year there have been enquiries from 3 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 their Youth 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.

Finally - How many clubs are holding the regalia from their now defunct Leo Club? Could it be re-cycled?

### **Youth Centre 2013 – Osmington Bay Dorset**

Following the 2012 Convention 105D now has MD and international approval to 'go ahead' for the UK Youth Centre for our 40 guests from all over the world. Osmington Bay is an Activity Centre run by a company 'PGL' who will provide food & accommodation together with instructors for the 10 day period. The 10 Day programme will follow the format of the successful 2008 Youth Centre with days on site split into groups of 12 for activities together with trips for local interest and historical/cultural information. A meeting with representatives of the local clubs has formulated the plan for this period and the local clubs in Dorset are now discussing their level of involvement.

One new aspect this year is the opportunity for 8 young people from this district to take part in the event. Clubs, Zones or regions are asked to give thought to sponsoring a young person aged 18 – 22 to attend the centre for

the 10 days where they will mix with our international guests. The cost for each attendee is £450 and this will include full board and all activities. Do you know of a young person who would be a worthy guest? All nominations are to be forwarded to me by March 31<sup>st</sup> and it is First Come – First Served.

As for our 2008 Youth Centre there is an opportunity for all clubs in the District to take part. The following list gives some idea of how you can help:-

Sponsor a day out for one of our guests - £30.

Ask one of your younger club members to be a mentor for the 10 days (expenses paid).

Loan of your Minibus & Driver for a day.

Sponsor Polo Shirts.

### **District Young Leaders in Service – Lion Andrew Robinson**

I have taken over from PDG Pat Nixon this year. A great deal of clubs have continued to express an interest in this project and several will be embarking on the scheme in the 2013-2014 Lionistic year. I continue to circulate information about YLIS to clubs and have attended a number of club and zone meetings. Liaison with other officers at Multiple District level has enable discussion on the project.

### **From District Education Projects – Lion Andrew Robinson**

A successful handover has taken place between PDG Pat Nixon and myself. I have spoken to several clubs and Zones about the best ways to approach and engage with schools, using my own experiences from my place of work in a primary school.

### **Youth Sports – Lion Andrew Robinson**

Following the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and the large issue of legacy, clubs have contacted me to find out more about getting involved with youth sports. A large majority of clubs already have significant links and connections with their local youth sports clubs. Some clubs are already building on these links.

### **Life Skills – Lion Alan Chapman**

At the 2011 Convention I was unable to give any information regarding the succession of Life Skills after the voluntary liquidation of Tacade in February 2012; this was after 27 years as a very successful partnership with Lions MD105. Luckily Chairman of Council Tony Gadsby was there and able to shed some light on the future of Life Skills as the Governors were searching for a solution and a way forward for this discipline. It transpired that all the Tacade stock and publishing rights was purchased by Lions MD105 for the princely sum of £15,600. This was made up of a \$10,000 (£6,000) grant from LCIF and £9,500 from Multiple District reserves.

Multiple District then formed a new company now known as **Lions MD105 Lifeskills Ltd** which is limited by guarantee and charitable status has been applied for. The new company is managed by 5 Trustees, PID Phil Nathan, CC Martin Morgan, IPCC Tony Gadsby, MD Secretary Andy Pemberton and MD Treasurer Philip Goodier. Since the setup of the new company and with the sales of resources it was necessary to employ Lion Mandy Broabent on a 2 days per week basis as the Sales coordinator as she has all of the contacts and the professional skills to take the company forward. Up to November 2012 the turnover has reached £17,500 of which £8,000 has come from Lions Clubs nationwide. A further application to LCIF was successfully granted for \$10,000 (£6,000) towards the cost of producing new resources such as UP IN SMOKE and LIFE CHANGES 2 for Secondary schools. The company has now updated four of the existing resources of which 50% has already been sold.

In September all District Life Skills Officers were invited to Lions HQ for an official training session for the new company whereby selling tactics and scenarios were acted out to emphasise the problems that might be encountered when introducing the product into a school. Also a session on presentation skills was headed up by Lion Linda Picton.

I have sent letters out to all clubs explaining the need for them to get involved with Life Skills as they are now the owners of the company and it is in their interest to support it by supporting their local schools with the resource system, which will hook on to and enhance any system that may already be in use. More information is available on the Lions Lifeskills website [www.lionslifeskills.co.uk](http://www.lionslifeskills.co.uk) and resources can be purchased at the new LIONS SHOP available on the MD website [www.lionsmd105.org.uk](http://www.lionsmd105.org.uk)

### **Peace Poster /Poetry/Essay competitions – Lion Frances Bond**

I have been promoting the Peace Poster /Poetry/Essay competitions throughout the year. I have kept the DG up to date regarding all the end dates from MDHQ for the Peace Poster.

I have answered questions over the phone regarding the competitions, and through emails.

Peace Poster kits have been sold via MDHQ, as they have been able to keep the price the same as last year.

I have kept up-to-date on the website regarding the Posters / Poetry/Essay competitions.

As you will be aware the Peace Poster competition was judged at MDHQ last Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December and the overall winner was the poster sent in from 105SE. You can view the winner as it is now on the front page of the MD website <http://www.lionsmd105.org>

One small point to note: please be conscious of the rules of the competition as still a couple of the posters sent in this year may have not been the correct size and also be aware that there should be nothing attached to the posters i.e. items stuck on or added to the poster, also no wording of any sort can be added to the posters, so please make sure that the students do not put their name on the front or in heavy black writing on the back.

Having said all that the posters were truly an inspiration, my congratulations to all of you who worked so hard in this competition in all the Schools and Youth Clubs.

Well done to all the Lions Clubs that took part, as of writing this the Poetry competition has now closed and will be voted on at the 20<sup>th</sup> January Cabinet meeting by the partners of Cabinet, which will then be posted on our District website. Thank You,

### **Young Ambassador – Lion Yorky Tuke**

Our 105D Young Ambassador for the past year, Laura Pellegrini, has served the District in an exemplary manner, promoting Lions at every opportunity.

This year's competition has produced seven candidates of a very high standard and our Young Ambassador of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century will be introduced to you at this Convention.

### **Communications Team – Chairman Lion Tom Sayers**

The Communications Committee continues to run smoothly thanks to the work of the District Officers:

Competitions Officer - PDG Judith Goodchild

Insurance Adviser and Health & Safety Officer – Jo Hamblin

Lion Magazine and Newsletter Editor – Peter Garlick

Marketing & PR Co-ordinator – James McGregor

Deputy Webmaster – Richard High

IT Officer & Webmaster – Tom Sayers

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2012, Lion James McGregor took over the PR role from Lion Richard Keeley. My thanks to Richard for his past service.

**Lion Tom Sayers – [commchair@lions105d.org.uk](mailto:commchair@lions105d.org.uk)**

### **IT Officer & Webmaster – Lion Tom Sayers**

The District website [www.lions105d.org.uk](http://www.lions105d.org.uk) continues to grow as more and more District Officers embrace the medium for communicating with all Lions in the District and beyond as well as the general public. Some excellent examples are on the Projects pages - [www.lions105d.org.uk/projects](http://www.lions105d.org.uk/projects) maintained by the relevant District Officer.

The Website Competition results are displayed on a chart on [www.lions105d.org.uk/webcompetitionresults-r.html](http://www.lions105d.org.uk/webcompetitionresults-r.html) page. We are very lucky to have so many skilled and dedicated Webmasters in this District.

District financial information is available thanks to Lion Linda Picton on [www.lions105d.org.uk/financial](http://www.lions105d.org.uk/financial) and District Cabinet Reports are available once logged-in thanks to Lion Godwin Micallef.

Convention documents, including this one, are available on [www.lions105d.org.uk/convention](http://www.lions105d.org.uk/convention) and are maintained by Lion Godwin Micallef.

There are many more valuable contributions so I urge you to visit the website frequently.

There are more innovations on the way and both **Deputy Webmaster Lion Richard High – [depit@lions105d.org.uk](mailto:depit@lions105d.org.uk)** and I look forward to working with DG Roger and incoming DG David to bring more useful information and tools to help and support clubs and members in doing what Lions do best — caring for the community.

**Lion Tom Sayers – [it@lions105d.org.uk](mailto:it@lions105d.org.uk)**

### **Competitions Officer – PDG Lion Judith Goodchild**

The Visiting Lion competition ends at the end of December and increasingly more clubs are entering. This costs the District nothing to run as all report cards are sent to MDHQ electronically. I do urge other clubs to enter this competition.

Of the remaining competitions some will both have been announced and reported on elsewhere, e.g. Peace Poster and Young Ambassador, but the remaining winners will be announced at Convention.

My main effort this year has been to update the existing website – [www.lions105d.org.uk/competitions](http://www.lions105d.org.uk/competitions)

The “front page” now has summaries of all competitions and further details are given on separate pages. Links are in place where there is an individual officer responsible for the competition.

I am currently looking at the rules of some of the competitions, as asked by VDG David with a view to some rationalisation. I would be pleased to hear views on this subject.

**PDG Judith Goodchild – [competitions@lions105d.org.uk](mailto:competitions@lions105d.org.uk)**



### **District Insurance Adviser – Lion Jo Hamblin**

I have issued several District Mailings throughout the year in an effort to clarify the position on the Multiple District and Lions International Insurance available to Clubs. I have maintained the insurance page on our District website [www.lions105d.org.uk/insurance](http://www.lions105d.org.uk/insurance) with up to date information and added links to the Multiple District site together with that of our insurance brokers, Miles Smith. This will enable ease of access to the insurance certificate, claims forms and insurance documentation.

In addition each Club has been sent its own copy of the current evidence of insurance letter.

I have regularly answered calls and emails from Clubs relating to insurance queries and continue to be available to provide assistance to Clubs and Members as required.

**Lion Jo Hamblin – [insurance@lions105d.org.uk](mailto:insurance@lions105d.org.uk)**

### **District Health & Safety Officer – Lion Jo Hamblin**

The evidence suggests that Clubs do take the matter of safety seriously and prepare the appropriate health and safety risk assessment for events. I have received a number of requests from Clubs for example risk assessments for specific events and I have developed a small library of template risk assessments that Clubs can access via our District website. [www.lions105d.org.uk/haso](http://www.lions105d.org.uk/haso)

There has been some delay with the reissue of the Multiple District 'Road to Safety' guidance document although it is still the aim to publish this during the next few months. I have created a link on our District website to the existing 'Road to Safety' document and made Clubs aware of its existence.

I have issued several District Mailings to Clubs throughout the year on safety matters. I continue to be available to answer queries from Clubs on matters relating to Health and Safety.

**Lion Jo Hamblin – [haso@lions105d.org.uk](mailto:haso@lions105d.org.uk)**

### **Lion Magazine and Newsletter Advisor – Lion Peter Garlick**

It doesn't seem possible that I have been involved in your newsletter for over 16 years, and is now much easier to produce with everyone using emails and digital photos.

Over the past year I have had some great articles and photos so please keep them coming, this is your newsletter and it is an important tool for sharing, especially new ideas. Just a reminder on photos, please ensure they are sent as JPEG, and if possible do not reduce image quality or size, please do not imbed photos in Word documents.

All newsletters are automatically put on the District Web Site [www.lions105d.org.uk/newsletters](http://www.lions105d.org.uk/newsletters) and each issue I produce is automatically emailed to all Club Secretaries in PDF format. This I believe has worked extremely well, as I have had some nice comments.

All articles received are automatically passed on to the Lion magazine for possible insertion. Can I remind all clubs that Obituaries should be emailed to me; these are then forwarded for insertion in the Lion, and to the Webmaster for putting on the 105D Website [www.lions105d.org.uk/InMemoriam](http://www.lions105d.org.uk/InMemoriam).

**Lion Peter Garlick – [news@lions105d.org.uk](mailto:news@lions105d.org.uk)**

### **Marketing & PR Co-ordinator – Lion James McGregor**

The Lionistic year 2012/13 has seen the continued use of the District PR equipment by clubs throughout 105D. This has provided a consistently high profile image for Lions events locally, together with major events.

Continuing support is given to Clubs requesting PR material and advice. It is pleasing to see clubs making good use of all available media with Lions events and successes being seen on television, advertising and news items, and heard on local radio and in newspapers throughout the District. It is also very gratifying to see Club websites developing throughout the District.

**Lion James McGregor – [pro@lions105d.org.uk](mailto:pro@lions105d.org.uk)**

## **Community Services Committee – Chairman Lion Marilyn Skennerton**

### **CRB/Vulnerable Persons – Lion Marilyn Skennerton**

Changes to the existing CRB system still are not in operation. There have been many meetings and the new regulations will be printed in a workable form at the early part of the New Year.

For Lions wanting to keep abreast of these changes please go to either the Lions Web Site or the Government web site.

### **Message in a Bottle – Lion Ann Twining**

One of the first things that I did, when I took over as the Districts MIAB Officer was to write to every club asking them if they supported MIAB, and if so who was their appointed club officer. This has been really valuable information when dealing with the many enquiries that I receive from hospitals, medical centres, pharmacies and private individuals from within the District. I am receiving on average about 10 enquiries a week. Unsure as to whether your club notified me of your club officer, then either speak to me during Convention weekend or leave a note of their details on the MIAB stand.

Due to discussions taking place as to how MIAB and Medic Alert can compliment each other, Ian Pudney the Medic Alert Officer and I have put an article in the District Newsletter and on the District Web site, stating that the two items do compliment each other in some cases.

I have attended one MD meeting at the beginning of October and there is due to be another one in February. This should coincide with the plans to do a national relaunch of the MIAB scheme, at the beginning of March. I hope to notify all clubs with more details of this in the District Mailing.

During November representatives of Lions in our District met up with members of the Hampshire Fire and Ambulance services to discuss MIAB with them. They were so impressed that Laura Pauley their PR and Media person organised a Photo Shoot with representatives of the Ambulance service, the Fire Brigade and the Lions. This was an internal publicity event to show all the Fire and Ambulance centres in Hampshire the benefits of MIAB. Laura also notified the local papers in the Southampton area, along with radio and TV, unfortunately the radio and TV broadcast never happened due to timing problems. The photograph and press release did go on our District web site. I would like to give special thanks to Lion Brian Lazenby of the Alton Club for setting up the original meeting and helping with the PR.

Finally I would like to thank my husband Lion Ron, for all his support with MIAB, by dealing with the phone calls, whilst I am at work, and for helping with the emails.

### **Environmental Projects – Lion Judith Goodchild**

This is my first year in the post and there has been a considerable learning curve and of course I am only half way through the year as this report has to be written in December. It is proving to be a very interesting and varied post. I would urge all clubs to consider becoming more involved with our Environmental projects.

I have visited several Zones with the purpose of talking about this subject but have only been able to scratch the surface.

The main thrust from the MD Officer has been the problems of bees and I have spoken about this.

There are now four Environmental Competitions. To date I have entries for all categories of the Environmental Photo Competition and the winner of The Peter Allen Award will be announced at Convention.

I have also received an entry for The Helen Deakin “Make the World a Better Place” competition and there is time for more entries to come forward before the announcement of the winner at Convention.

Sadly The 3 R’s Competition has not received any entries to date

Lastly, The Environmental Poster Competition has been launched and I know there will be some entries although the uptake may be less than I hoped. I will be reviewing it and launching next years competition after this Convention. Trophies are being donated by our current District Governor and his wife and our IPDG and his wife. The winners will be announced at Convention.

I was approached earlier in the year by Woolmer Forest Lions Club about a project that they wish to launch. Petersfield Club are also supporting this venture. They hope to set up a partnership with the International Tree Foundation to plant trees in Africa. I have attended a meeting with members of Woolmer Forest and Petersfield and the International Tree Foundation and publicity material is being considered. At the November Cabinet Meeting it was agreed that the District would support it. Lions are being sought to help spread the word and clubs will be asked to support the project by giving donations towards it.

The website has much more information and is regularly updated. It can be viewed at <http://www.lions105d.org.uk/projects/environment/html>

### **Mobility Speech and Hearing – Lion John Drago**

Paultons Park was a huge success last year with over 3000 tickets sold and 42 clubs taking part, some for the first time. This means that Lions Clubs in the District raised over £28,000 to send underprivileged, disabled and those with learning disabilities on a really great day out. We had a lot of positive feedback and the new site at the entrance was a huge improvement. It was lovely to see so many happy faces and we hope to continue to increase the numbers each year.

A tree has been sourced and will be planted in the near future.

Deaf Awareness training sessions in the District have taken place in Bournemouth and Westbury and another is planned in the New Year. More training can be arranged if Clubs are interested. The door hangers and “I see what you’re saying” badges are proving popular with those who suffer with hearing loss and are available from MDHQ.

Meetings have taken place between the MD Speech and Hearing Officer and Action on Hearing Loss (formerly RNID) regarding working together but no formal agreement has yet been agreed.

I would encourage clubs who are looking for new projects to invest in to look at the Maison Des Landes Hotel for Disabled people which is a project by Jersey Lions Club.

### **Special Needs and Circumstances – Lion Anita Drago**

I have tried to encourage clubs to look towards helping Young Carers, many already do, but there are still many children missing out on their childhood who could benefit from our help.

In May we had many youngsters with Special Needs at Paultons Park but it would be wonderful to have a lot more next year.

Special Olympics takes place in Bath in August 2013 and it is hoped that as many Lions as possible from the District will be able to help either in person or by Clubs supporting SOGB.

Other than this it has been quiet with little other questions from, or help required from Clubs.

### **Community Service Advisor – Lion George Jeremiah**

Encouragement has been given through the District mailing, and by attending Zone meetings and visiting Clubs promoting Service projects, emphasising *“Service with humility: Fellowship and fun”* and our motto *“We Serve”*.

All Clubs have been active in their communities in various ways i.e. helping the homeless and giving warm clothes and providing food for soup kitchens. Giving food parcels to the elderly and contributing to their towns food bank. Organising lunches and teas for the lonely and elderly, in some cases taking them out on coach trips.

During the year there have been beach clean-ups. Clubs have assisted with marshalling at local carnivals, festivals and processions, wearing Lions tabards which helped to publicise Lions and what we do.

World Sight Day was a very successful event when many Clubs organised their Mayors to be blindfolded and walk through their towns, some accompanied by visually impaired people with white sticks and Guide Dogs. In many cases Diabetes Testing was carried out and Eye Tests in nearby Opticians.

Bournemouth Lions organised a Hearing Awareness Training Day in October, this was attended by forty people, many were from the area who came into contact with hard-of-hearing people in their workplace. Others that attended were teachers, social workers, receptionists, nurses etc. The Multiple District and District Speech & Hearing Officers gave presentations which were a great success. MIAB bottles and various Lions leaflets were given out.

The Royal Bournemouth Hospital Defibrillator Support Group invited the local Lions Club to give a talk about MIAB and Medic Alert and how it could help patients in emergencies. A Cardiac Consultant gave a presentation on the latest Pacemakers available which most of the audience had been fitted with. Approximately a hundred people were present. District Officer Lion Ian Pudney gave a presentation on how both products complimented each other in the home and when away from home. A great deal of interest was shown, MIAB bottles were then given out and leaflets on Medic Alert bracelets & pendants. Various other Lions leaflets were on display promoting Lions and details of what we do and where the local Club meets.

### **Medic Alert - Lion Ian Pudney**

Medic Alert have completely changed their Branding and a small supply of the new leaflets and are available from the District Officer.

There has been a lot of discussion about the lack of Lions branding on the Medic Alert leaflets. However, their decision was to remove ALL links to other organisations to avoid it being filled with Branding and no room for important information. A look on their Website reveals that they recognise their link with Lions as being very important, as is their very close working relationship with Diabetes UK. See [medicalert@lions105d.org.uk](mailto:medicalert@lions105d.org.uk)

The leaflet now incorporates an application form to encourage people to apply without having to make an additional contact with either Medic Alert or any other organisation. The cost of Membership is £25 per annum, to cover the cost of maintaining the secure database, plus the cost of the bracelet or pendant. The cheapest is a Stainless Steel bracelet or pendant at £19.95 plus £2.50 p&p, giving a total initial cost of £47.45.

We are being encouraged to increase the number of Members recruited through Lions from a very small 50 we provided in 2011. The best way of increasing membership, and our links with the Community, is to talk to local Surgeries, Pharmacies and Hospitals to promote the use of Medic Alert bracelets and pendants for those most at risk. This can also promote Lions at the same time so please do what you can.

They have also acknowledged that they can, and do, work in conjunction with Lions Message in a Bottle and they are planning on putting Medic Alert Leaflets in the bottles as part of a limited promotion to see how effective it will be. This is so encouraging and we should do all we can to promote the use of Message in a Bottle within the home and Medic-Alert outside the home.

The main benefits of Medic Alert are: -

- 1) 24/7 cover for 365 days a year regardless of where you are in the world
- 2) The only information carried around is the bracelet or pendant with a phone number and minimal information on main medical conditions
- 3) There is a membership number giving a unique identification to each Member
- 4) The relevant personal data is held on a secure database at the London Ambulance Service
- 5) There is a medical professional on the end of the phone line whenever it is called
- 6) Training is available for medical professionals
- 7) On the front of the bracelet or pendant is a universally recognised medical symbol

If you wish to have a presentation for your Members we have powerpoint presentations, posters and leaflets. I am also available at any time to come and give a talk to any group in your area, just contact me.

Remember, we can support people who need a Medic Alert bracelet by contributing to the initial cost. There is no requirement to continue supporting them on an annual basis unless the Club as a whole agree to do so.

Finally, when distributing leaflets to the Public, please ensure that the Club name at least is on the leaflet whether in the form of a sticker or stamp. That way Lions will get the recognition we deserve both at Medic Alert and with the Public at large.

### **Diabetes Awareness – Lion Richard Fulstow**

I have developed a link with Multiple District Officer for Diabetes Awareness, Derek Thomas ensuring that LCI and MD projects are introduced to District 105D. Unfortunately I was unable to attend a meeting.

A letter was sent to Clubs raising the need and encouraging clubs to provide screening and awareness events in their respective towns. The link with Lions Eye Health Programmes was highlighted (Lions Signature Projects). An article was written for the District Newsletter describing how Cosham Lions Club put on a Diabetes Screening event as an example of how to organise one.

I have been available as a resource to clubs for activities related to diabetes and been available to attend if requested.

Links have been established with external agencies such as International Diabetes Foundation and Diabetes UK to keep abreast of activities and initiatives in the broader field of diabetes.

Regular reports have been prepared for 105D Cabinet and MDO Diabetes Awareness and District Welfare Committee Chairperson as required.

I congratulate Cosham and Bournemouth Lions Clubs for running Diabetes Screening days in their towns. I also congratulate Hook and Odiham Lions Club for providing a “Diabetes Awareness Booth” on World Diabetes Day. Lions Club of Swanwick are planning to hold a Diabetes Screening event early in 2013.

I shall be attending The “Wessex Adventure”, Convention 2013 providing an exhibition stand for Diabetes awareness.

Other activities may have been undertaken but were not reported to me.

## **International Relations Committee – Chairman PDG Lion Barrie Richardson**

### **Dentaid Liaison Committee Chairman – PDG Lion Roger Huntley**

Committee: Lions Ian Simpson, Richard Frost, Tricia Snook.

Three Liaison Committee meetings are held through the year at Dentaid offices, the year to date is going well especially with the equipment collections both from within District 105D and further afield in MD 105, efficiently administered by Lion Richard Frost of Blackmore Vale Lions Club, with the cooperation of Zoe Noble at Dentaid who has now taken over this role from Jacqueline James.

It is hoped to take the Dentaid promotion stand to District Conventions at 105A 105D 105SW and the MD Convention.

Possibly due to the current economic climate donations from clubs to support projects are down year to date at £450 with a total of £2000 currently held in the District 105D Charity Trust for Dentaid purposes.

Current projects include:

- 1) India to provide two complete surgeries, which unfortunately has had to be put on hold due to communication problems with the recipient.
- 2) Gahini Hospital Rawanda where a surgery was provided 2-3 years ago and with whom there are good reliable contacts, due to the success of the first surgery, they now have a need to expand and it is hoped to be able to provide another complete dental surgery as soon as possible, the cost being £3000 plus shipping, the committee has approved this project and supporting funds from the District Charity Trust will be released as and when required.
- 3) Investigations are ongoing with regard to equipment sent to Vietnam which was last know to have been impounded by customs in Vietnam who are seeking payment for it's release.
- 4) An X-Ray machine recently collected from a Cowes NHS Dental Centre by the local Lions Club was turned round within a week and shipped to Liberia.

Mr Andy Jong the Chief Executive of Dentaid has advised that the trustees have indicated a change in the operation of Dentaid which will be put to the liaison committee at the next meeting, if these changes are significant or affect the Lions involvement with Dentaid an update will be given at convention.

Finally, I express grateful thanks to the members of the committee for the enthusiasm shown particularly with the collection of recycled equipment, much of which is perfectly serviceable and useable but simply does not meet with current EU/UK requirements, thanks also to the staff at Dentaid, together we hope to improve dental care particularly in areas of the world wheret it would otherwise not happen.

### **District Europa Forum & Music Competition – 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.

The **58th Europa Forum** was held in **Brussels, Belgium** on **6th to 8th September 2012** attended by nine Lions and Partners from our District. In all 5 Clubs in our District were represented.

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 and all but one of the Social events were held at the SQUARE Meeting Centre a purpose built conference and cultural centre with excellent facilities for all parts of the programme howbeit that some of the meeting rooms were rather distant from the main area. The European Musical Competition was held in the MIM Musical Museum and the European Young Ambassador Competition at the ING Hotel Coudenberg, both a short walk from the conference centre.

The Farewell Party & Celebration of 60 Years of Lionism in Belgium was held in an open square and whilst there was an array of Chef's producing different meals to order there was inadequate seating provided to enjoy the food and the entertainment, which was a shame.

The guest of honour was HRH Princess Astrid of Belgium who joined us for the Opening Ceremony and circulated during the Host Night celebration that followed. She certainly showed a keen interest and awareness of the various Lions projects on show in the Agora. Interesting to note that her father HRM King Albert II of Belgium is an Honorary Governor of MD112 Belgium!

The organisation was generally good, but some aspects of the programming with important meetings running simultaneously left a little to be desired. This apart, our Belgian 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 2011, Maastricht that were widely circulated within a few weeks of the conclusion of the meeting, were adopted.
2. The report of the EF Accountant incorporating the Accounts of the Europa Forum 2011, Maastricht was adopted.
3. A proposal from the European YCEC to reduce the meeting time to two days, endorsed by MD112, was adopted.
4. A proposal by MD105 (British Isles & Ireland) to host the Europa Forum 2014 at the Metropole Hilton Hotel, Birmingham was adopted subject to endorsement at the MD105 Convention to be held in Torquay.
5. PCC Jouko Ruissalo MD107 (Finland) was re-elected to the position of Forum Archivist & Adviser for a further five-year term following a secret ballot.
6. PCC Peter Brandenburg MD110 (Netherlands) was elected to the position of Forum Accountant for a five-year term following a secret ballot.
7. Presentation of the theme for the Europa Forum 2013 Istanbul, Turkey "Bridging the Cultures Through Service" was approved.
8. Council confirmed the appointments to the Advisory Committee of PCC Jacques De Moor MD112 (Belgium) representing North/Central and PCC Timor Erk MD118 (Turkey) representing South, for a three-year term.
9. Council endorsed the appointment of Ingo Brookman MD111 (Germany) as Chairman of the Thomas Kuti European Musical competition for a three-year term.
10. Council endorsed the appointment of Lion Deiter Van Hoyer MD112 (Belgium) as Chairman of the European Young Ambassador Competition for a three-year term.
11. Recommendation from the Social Media seminar to develop a European web platform for all information about Lions Social Media was adopted.
12. Recommendation from the Literacy seminar that the European Council recommends to the International Board the adoption of the Reading Action Programme for a period of ten years was adopted.
13. Recommendations from NGO Seminar to urge Districts and Clubs to commit to the Campaign Against Measles; to make greetings cards portraying Peace Poster and sell with profits supporting the Edukit programme; that the FAO be allowed to give a presentation during the Second European Council in Istanbul were all adopted.
14. Proposal from the NGO Seminar to enhance the Lions literacy programme was rejected.
15. Recommendation from a workshop to continue work on the proposed Lions European University project was adopted.

During the closing ceremony the Second Vice International President candidate 2013 and the European International Director candidates 2013-2015 were all presented.

Our entry in the European Musical Competition, George Hoult winner of our MD competition from District 105BS was unplaced. He proved to be an excellent ambassador for MD105.

Our entry in the European Young Ambassador Competition, Charlotte Smith winner of our MD competition from District 105BN was placed first. She gave a dynamic and sparkling performance when she addressed delegates after her presentation during European Council II when she read a poem that she composed on what it meant to her to be able to assist others.

We enjoyed fun, fellowship and warm sunny weather.

Virtually all of the reports of the proceedings have now been published and are available to view/download at <http://www.europaforum2012.be/REPORTS>.

The **59th Europa Forum** will be in **Istanbul, Turkey** on **31<sup>st</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2013**. The official Forum website at [www.europaforum2013.org](http://www.europaforum2013.org) is up and running with further information being added as it becomes available. An "early bird" discount for Registration prior to 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013 is being offered. I will provide further information in due course.

The **District 105D Musical 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.

Last years competition featured the cello but no entries were received with the result that the District Competition was abandoned and we were unable to field a candidate in the MD Competition that took place on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at the Birmingham Conservatoire.

This year's competition features the piano and full details were issued to Clubs and Cabinet Officers in the July District Mailing and posted on the District Website at [www.lions105d.org.uk](http://www.lions105d.org.uk) with a closing date for entries of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012. At the date of writing this report no entries have been received.

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

## **District International Relations & UN - Lion Lynden McIntyre**

International Relations covers many Project areas - highlighted below.

**Wateraid** - A Charity dedicated to providing water wells, safe water, sanitation and hygiene education in many underdeveloped countries. 1.1 billion people worldwide are without safe water and 2.6 billion without adequate sanitation. Funds donated by Lions Clubs in our MD to Wateraid are being used in Malawi and Nepal projects. The big dig - an appeal whereby donations were matched up to August 2012 from those made by MD Clubs was very successful. Regular updates appear in the Lions Magazine.

**Street Children** - Millions of children around the world live and sleep on the streets. Lions are working with the five following nominated Street Children Organisations to give shelter, education and life skills to these vulnerable children.

- **Centrepont** - This is UK based primarily in London but also works in several other major UK cities, and concentrates on street children generally in the age range 9-16, runaways, homeless, and provides shelter, food, clothing, and endeavours to give them/get them into a decent environment and education.
- **Plan UK** - UK based but operating in Africa, Asia and Central and South America, looks to give aid, security, home and education to children over the whole age range, running a number of "homes" in addition to general aid to children to try to give them a future. Active with child sponsorship
- **Railway Children** - UK based, operates in the UK but now also operating internationally with similar named operations in India and Africa – specialises in looking after runaway or abandoned street children living around the major railway stations/yards and trying to get them security, shelter, food, clothing, education and a future.
- **The International Child Care Trust (ICT)** - This operates in a similar manner to the others but is primarily dealing with children in Africa and Asia.
- **The Jubilee Campaign** - UK based international organisation, working mainly at the "dirtier" end of the spectrum on sex slavery, child sacrifice and the like, mainly in joint ventures with local organisations, and having originally been founded in the Houses of Parliament by concerned politicians. It operates mainly in Africa and India.

**Malawi Scholarship Programme formally Malawi Education** - £110 per student per year for 4 years sponsors a Child through their Secondary Education in Malawi. Reports from schools received from Blantyre and Mzuzu Lions Clubs forwarded to those clubs who support the scheme.

**Edukits** - These are "Schools in A Box" and provide education sets via Unicef to disaster areas and third world countries. The kits now include wind-up radios as well as standard items such as pencils, blackboards and exercise books. One Edukit costs £175 and covers 40 children. Recently they have been sent to Gaza, Sri Lanka, Haiti and Japan after the disasters. A picture and list of contents is available on Unicef website [www.Unicef.org.uk/Lions](http://www.Unicef.org.uk/Lions).

**Gift for Living** in Bosnia (MOET campaign - Management of Obstetric Emergencies and Trauma) benefiting sick babies through the provision of resources is under the IRO area and regular updates of these projects appear in the Lion Magazine.

**Korle Bu** – (Moorfields) Eye Hospital Project – Lions International Eye Centre building – walls are up and is due to be finished May/June – a success story!

**Twinning/International Friendship** - Our District is twinned with 111SW in Germany and I am aware that Clubs in our District are twinned with Clubs other Countries and still continue to make contact with members of their

Twin Clubs and where possible make exchange visits. Please inform me of clubs that you are twinned with (either in UK or abroad) as a Register is being updated for MD info.

**United Nations** - the UN Day at the House of Commons London together with the MD Peace Poster Presentation will be on Tuesday 12th March 2013 6pm. Tickets will be allocated upon application. There will also be days held in Lladudno (Wales) /Edinburgh (Scotland) and Athlone (Ireland).

### **District LCIF & Disaster Coordinator Advisor - PDG Lion Patrick Hamblin**

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is our own international charity. The work of LCIF can be found on its website – [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org). To ensure that all funds are used wisely they are managed with local Lions Clubs' involvement. In 2011 – 2012 year 513 grants totalling approximately £34 million were awarded for a range of needs.

Recently emergency grants, totalling approximately £155,000, have been awarded to assist with the very serious weather related problems in the USA, particularly in the New York area.

There is currently a worldwide fundraising campaign for measles elimination. This is an LCIF involvement with a partnership of worldwide organisations. The Gates Foundation has given an additional 50% of all funds raised by Lions Clubs up to US\$10 million.

At District level the contributions this Lionistic year to LCIF are very low, being £1,950 for the general LCIF funds. Our response in the District for the measles campaign has been better, with 20 Clubs contributing a total of £4,061.60.

If Lions wish to contribute personally to LCIF I hold a stock of Contributing Member's Pins, where for £15.00 members receive a pin and can feel they have supported LCIF personally.

Melvin Jones Fellowships continue to be awarded by Clubs and many Clubs in the District have donated adequate funds to LCIF to be able to award this recognition without additional donations.

I have been disappointed at the response from Clubs and Zones to my offer to speak on LCIF. To date this has only been taken up by one Zone and one Club. Many members are unaware just how major our own charity is in the world rankings of charities. I would remind members that all funds donated to LCIF are used for grants. Administration charges are funded from interest on investments. Investments are needed because it is never known when the next disaster will occur or the next need for a grant will arise.

To date, there have not been any 'disasters' in the District where my involvement has been required this Lionistic year.



# LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 105D

## RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT DISTRICT CONVENTION 2013

### **Resolution 1**

Proposed by the District Cabinet

This Convention resolves that :

“Messrs Gilroy & Brookes, Chartered Accountants of Alton are hereby, re-appointed as independent examiner to the District for the forthcoming Year.”

**EXPLANATORY NOTES:** Article IV Section 4 (a) of District 105D Constitution (as adopted March 1984 – with amendments to March 2012) reads:

*“The Governor or Cabinet shall provide for an independent examination 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”.*

Normally, this Resolution would also stipulate that our Independent Examiner be thanked for their services in the past, but they have already been formally thanked.

### **Resolution 2**

Proposed by the District Cabinet

This Convention resolves that :

“The District Per Capita Levy for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 shall be in the sum of £11.00 per Lion. This shall be payable in two equal instalments - £5.50 per Lion by 1 August 2013 based upon the known membership as at 30 June 2013 and £5.50 per Lion by 1 February 2014 based upon the known membership as at 31 December 2013”

**EXPLANATORY NOTE :** Article IV Section 1 of District 105D Constitution (as adopted March 1984 – with amendments to March 2012) 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.*

The anticipated costs for running the District equate to £18,810. The District Cabinet considered the membership number should be 1350 for budget purposes. This would make the dues £13.94 per member. After discussion the Committee recommended that the dues should be £11.00 per member for 2013 - 2014.”

### **Resolution 3**

Proposed by the District Cabinet

This Convention resolves that :

Article III Section 1(b) of the District Constitution be amended by adding a new subsection (v) to read: “Additionally, the Governor may, at his sole discretion, appoint a Region Chairman from within each Region of the District”

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

LCI made the appointment of Region Chairmen optional some years ago. It would appear that at that time, reference to their appointment was inadvertently removed from the District Constitution. This amendment will bring the District Constitution into line with the requirements of the LCI Standard Form District Constitution.

**Resolution 4**

Proposed by the District Cabinet

This Convention resolves that :

Article III Section 1 of the District Constitution be amended by adding at the end, a new subsection (f) to read as follows: “The Officers listed in sub sections (b)(i) to (b)(iii) of this section, together with the District Governor and, if appointed, the Region Chairmen shall constitute the Officers of this District.”

**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

LCI amended the Standard Form District Constitution in July 2012. This amendment will bring the 105D Constitution into line with new requirements which were added by LCI at that time.

**Resolution 5**

Proposed by the District Cabinet

This Convention resolves that :

Article III Section 2(c) of the District Constitution be amended to read, “For any meeting thereof the attendance of a simple majority of the Officers of this District shall constitute a quorum.”

**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

At present, the District Constitution states that a quorum for a Cabinet Meeting shall be a simple majority of the members of the Cabinet. The change is required to bring the 105D Constitution into line with the requirements of the revised LCI Standard Form District Constitution and, based on the current Cabinet, would have the effect of reducing the number required to form a quorum.

**Resolution 6**

Proposed by the District Cabinet

This Convention resolves that :

Article III Section 2(d) of the District Constitution be amended to read, “In all meetings of Cabinet the voting privilege and procedure shall extend to all members of the District Cabinet.”

**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

Currently, the Constitution states that the Governor shall prescribe the Cabinet voting rights at the start of the first Cabinet Meeting in July each year. The change is required to bring the 105D Constitution into line with the requirements of the revised LCI Standard Form District Constitution.

**Resolution 7**

Proposed by the District Cabinet

This Convention resolves that :

Article VIII Section 4(e)(iii) of the District Constitution (relating to any surplus realised at a District Convention) be amended to read, “In the event that any surplus is realised on these activities in any year the District Treasurer shall hold such in reserve to offset any loss incurred at a future Convention, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (iv) of this section”.

**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

At present, any surplus realised by one Convention is passed to the Host Committee of the succeeding Convention. However, the District are responsible for any loss incurred, providing there has been no wrong doing on the part of the Host Committee (subsection (iv) referred to in the Resolution). Cabinet believe that if surpluses were held in a reserve fund by District, this would reduce the impact on Members Dues in the event of a loss being sustained at a future Convention

This Convention resolves that :

Article VIII Section 5 of the District Constitution be amended to read, “All proposed resolutions, nominations and invitations accepted for consideration at Convention shall be circulated to every Club Secretary at least 9 (nine) weeks prior to the date for the holding of Convention by the Appointed Officer”

AND

Article VIII Section 7 of the District Constitution be amended to read, “All proposed amendments to resolutions to be considered at Convention should be circulated to each Club Secretary at least 7 days prior to Convention by the Appointed Officer. Alternatively copies thereof shall be distributed to all Delegates (or their Alternates as the case may be) on Registration at Convention”.

**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

These requirements exist in the current Constitution, but because the Constitution does not specify who has to do the circulation, the Appointed Officer is technically required to seek the approval of Cabinet before the circulation. These minor amendments will save Cabinet time and reduce delays in the said circulations.

## **LIONS CODE OF ETHICS**

**TO SHOW** my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

**TO SEEK** success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

**TO REMEMBER** that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

**WHENEVER** a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

**TO HOLD** friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

**ALWAYS** to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labour, and means.

**TO AID** others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

**TO BE CAREFUL** with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.