



Ordinary People  
Amazing Things

# The International Association of Lions Clubs DISTRICT 105D - APRIL 2010



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## The DG's Ponderings 105D Convention

Thank you, Thank you,  
Thank you!

Despite getting the Dentaaid treatment from my International Guest, what a wonderful week end and I thank each and everyone of you who came and supported it. I also owe an enormous debt of gratitude to the Lions of Fleet who organised this for me. Their

research into what the clubs wanted meant that changes were made to the day which seemed to please the Lions. Thank you for all the favourable comments. I would also like to thank the District Officers who provided such interesting displays. I have thanked our outside contributors who spoke in Convention or ran the work shops. We were so lucky to have PID Dr Patti Hill and her husband Lion Greg Holmes as our International guests for the week end. John and I had the pleasure of looking after them before and after Convention and they were absolutely wonderful. I am sure everyone who met and talked to them and listened to PID Patti's speech will have a much greater understanding of how we all fit into LCI and the workings of the International Board of Directors. Please go back to your Clubs and tell your members about Convention and encourage them to come next year.



It was my great pleasure to be able to announce the DG team for next year (left). The DG will be Lion Brigid Hendy from Burnham, 1<sup>ST</sup> VDG will be

Lion Ron Twining from Sandown and Shanklin and 2<sup>ND</sup> VDG will be Lion Roger Munday from Fleet. I wish them every success for next year.

I was also delighted to present DG Secretary/Treasurer Appreciation medals to Lions Godwin Micallef and Linda Picton and DG Appreciation Medals to my Sergeant at Arms Travis Mc Call,

Convention Chairman Fred Massey and retiring Convention Business Manager Barry Kemp. PID Patti Hill and PID Philip Daubeney helped me present International Presidents Certificates of Appreciation to IPDG Roger Huntley (bottom left) and Lion President Graham Botwright from Hook and Odiham (bottom right). I hope to present two others at Charters in the near future.



My Certificates of Appreciation were mainly for Lions who are active in club events and went to Lions Tony Taylor(GMS), Nelson Sclater and Peter Holder (Crofton), Linda Picton (Hart), Norman Apps (Weymouth and Portland), John Turner (Cosham), Ken Carter (Fleet), Pat Borg (Eastleigh), New Milton Lions Club and a non-Lion Nicola Carroll and RBC from Jersey. In addition certificates went to Ian Johnson and the Host Committee members from Fleet for their hard work in ensuring convention was such a success..

It was a week end that I will remember with pleasure and it was certainly the highlight of my year as Governor.

Lions lets make next year even better!



**National Arboretum** We are so nearly there! Please consider if you have not yet made a pledge and email [arboretum@lions.org.uk](mailto:arboretum@lions.org.uk) with your decision.

**Haiti** Over \$500,000 has been sent from MD105 and a good proportion of this has come from 105D. Thank you for your kindness and thought for those in such distress.. I will tell more about the MD105 project when I have details.

**Membership** Please keep up all the good work that is happening. Hopefully we will have an increase in total membership by the end of the year. Remember just one new Lion per club this year and none lost would result in an increase of 66 new Lions in our District.

### **MD Convention 2010 29<sup>th</sup> April - 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Are you going? Please contact me if you are going to host night and want to know what the District is going to wear. There will be a 105D Dinner on Sunday evening. Please contact Sergeant at Arms Travis McCall if you are interested. We have quite a good number going already but the more the merrier!

**Club Visits** These are coming to an end but I look forward to the remainder as I am sure they will be interesting. Bad weather and the fact that so many clubs meet on a second Monday mean I did not quite finish before Convention as I had hoped to do.

**Charter Anniversaries** Still quite a few to attend! I look forward to meeting many of you over the next three months. They are so very special especially for the Presidents. It is such a pity that we have so many clashes of dates

### **Members passing to Higher Service**

I am sorry to report that I have recently heard that Lion Joe Byers (Bournemouth) has recently passed to higher service. Our thoughts are especially with Lions Jeff and Anita. May Lion Joe rest in peace and be always in our thoughts

**Maison des Landes** Do you know of a family with a disabled member who all deserve a holiday? Whilst I was visiting Jersey I was asked to remind Lions in 105D about Maison des Landes. This is a charitable trust set up by Jersey Lions which runs a holiday hotel catering for disabled guests and their families or escorts, in accommodation which has been specially designed to meet the needs of the disabled in beautiful Jersey. It is an ideal place to relax and soak up the Jersey sunshine. In the evening the comfortable lounge is perfect for relaxing and enjoying the company of other guests. It has a heated indoor pool with easy access for the

disabled Children of disabled parents and the parents of disabled children are most welcome. Priority is given to families with children during the school holidays. Other relatives are also welcome provided accommodation is available. For more information go to [www.maisondeslandes.co.uk](http://www.maisondeslandes.co.uk).

**Welcome to New Members** It gives me great pleasure to welcome the following who have recently become Lions: Tony Bamberger (Basingstoke), Kevin Watts (Dorchester), Shirley Butler (Maidenhead), Robert Cugoni, (Maidenhead), Stephen Gray (Maidenhead), Georgina Hipgrave (Maidenhead), Rodney Woolrich (Maidenhead), Kenneth Stanforth (Salisbury), Janice Whittle (Ventnor) and welcome back to Tony Burt (Blandford and District), Christine Burt (Blandford and District), Julian Behmber (Fleet) and Stuart Rousell (Reading). I am sure your clubs will make you very welcome and soon get you involved in their activities.

### **DG Judith's Jolly Jaunts**

- 6<sup>th</sup> April Havant CV
- 10<sup>th</sup> April Havant CA
- 11<sup>th</sup> April Woolmer Forest Membership Drive
- 16<sup>th</sup> April Swanage CA
- 17<sup>th</sup> April Petersfield CA
- 18<sup>th</sup> April Henley on Thames CA
- 20<sup>th</sup> April Waterlooville CV
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April Warminster CA
- 24<sup>th</sup> April Festival of St George Crofton
- 24<sup>th</sup> April Ringwood and Fordingbridge 40<sup>th</sup> CA
- 25<sup>th</sup> April Bridport CA
- 28th April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May MD Convention & 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*DG Judith and Lion John*

### **LETTER FROM CONVENTION – IT'S 'D'-LIGHTFUL!**

As you approach the convention centre at Wokefield Park, it starts to dawn on the senses that this is going to be a professional week-end. The banner on the entrance proudly announces that Lions Clubs International is here, having served our community since 1950, as do a series of identical banners along the winding drive.

The Barn Dance on the first night draws hoots of laughter (yee-ha!) as we all try to follow the caller's



instructions, switching partners every other verse and trying to avoid falling over. The whole of the lobby erupts when we culminate in a dance where everyone seems to be finally dancing the right steps, but not at the same time as each other...

Saturday morning arrives and the long hours of

planning that our host club, Fleet Lions, have



completed becomes apparent. The conference hall fills to the brim with delegates, their families and guests for an opening ceremony befitting an organisation our size. Then, down to business. District Governor Judith Goodchild at the helm and what a refreshing change: formal reports kept to a minimum, procedures minimised, but still keen debate and lots of laughter.

Then we are hit by the thunderbolt from Canada. Past International Director, Lion Dr Patti Hill



delivers one of the most powerful, inspiring, speeches we have ever heard at conference. She enthral us, empowers us, motivates us and leaves us all shouting that – when we are asked to help our community or fellow Lions Clubs – we will answer that call with a loud reply of “Yes, I

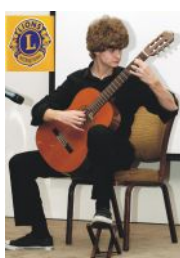
**can do that”.**

All around the conference hall we have stands offering advice on various Lions projects and companies offering services to clubs; the range of workshops also prove very popular. After lunch Ian Murdoch delivers a speech that leaves us impressed with the work of Moorfields Eye Hospital and the long-standing support of Lions to the work they undertake. We move on to a range of well-deserved awards and a highly successful convention draws to a close.

But not before we are left in awe at the qualities of our Young Ambassador, Rebecca Bellworthy and



the immensely talented performance of our Young Musician, Daniel Bovey, – both of whom attract spontaneous standing ovations.



Before you know it we're all booted and suited and ‘gambling’

the night away at the Banquet and Ball. This was Lions at their best, having fun while working together to support their communities.



Some heavy feet made their way to the conference hall on Sunday morning, but the lively open forums left no room for sleepyheads. This was convention at it's best, mixing a very professional business agenda with loads of fun. More than that, we feel part of an international organisation that achieves amazing things when we work together.

Will you be at your next District Convention? The correct answer, of course, will be “**Yes, I can do that”.**

DO Lions David Taylor and Reg Norton.

Photos by Lions Richard Wareham and Rita Daubeney - Editor

### Course for Road Closures

Many Lions throughout 105D are involved on a regular basis with events requiring road closures. It is becoming increasingly common for Police Forces to be unable to provide staffing for such occasions or require payment for providing officers. It can also be expensive to hire trained staff from other organisations.

Now there is the opportunity for Lions Clubs within 105D to arrange for some of their members to be trained for such events. The course lasts 1 day and the current cost is around £60. It is not necessary for every member to be trained, 2 or 3 per Club will suffice as the requirement is for 1 trained person at an event. Once trained, there is a need for an individual to be reassessed every 3 years as for example, with the Food Hygiene Certificates. Although refresher courses or regular involvement with such events will help keep the individual up to date with requirements and expectations.

It is necessary for the Club to ensure that when assisting at an event where they, or another organisation, have applied for road closures, the application includes reference to someone trained with ‘Chapter 8 Authority’. This will assist with the application and is likely to meet the requirements of the local Safety Advisory Group. This course fits well alongside the Steward Safety Training, which many Clubs are now undertaking.

If you, or your Club, are interested in signing up for such a course please contact our Leadership and Training Chairman, Lion Graham Drayton, on [leadership@lions105d.org.uk](mailto:leadership@lions105d.org.uk)

I have successfully completed such a course and believe it will help me, and my Club, when involved with such events. For more general information about the course and what it entails, please do not hesitate to contact me. David Merchant – CNRO and VPO – [consnom@lions105d.org.uk](mailto:consnom@lions105d.org.uk)



## S N A P

It is now 11 years since the First SNAP Disco was held in Fleet. This event attracts 11~16 year olds from the local area.

The event is organised by Fleet Lions in conjunction with Hampshire Police as the partner for Crime stoppers , local council and Youth Services. A great team delivering excellent monthly events.

During these 11 years SNAP has attracted up to 650 youngsters at each event .So why do we put on monthly Discos? The event offers the Police the opportunity to develop relationships with the Youngsters whilst the Youth service can offer support and subtle lifestyle education from Drugs awareness and alcohol abuse for example. All profits are then recycled back in to Youth Projects locally and helping those young people in need.

The events are fun. Lively and noisy. There have been many visiting bands, whether they be on the way up or the way down, also local singers have had the opportunity to showcase their talents and youngsters are given the chance to learn to dance, street style!

Over the years the organisation has changed to meet the ever changing needs of the community and of course to the available voluntary support. A few years ago a partnership was formed clearly outlining duties and responsibilities, HYP was born (Hart Youth Partnerships) and for a time enjoyed the pleasure of help from local club Hart Lions and also Yateley Lions.

The youngsters' needs are much different than those of the baby boomers and we have to monitor needs. A few years ago the numbers were declining, and we couldn't understand the reason.

Then we learned that SNAP wasn't cool! So we listened and learned and adapted our event to become cool and with great efforts from the HYP team SNAP became HYPE and now its really cool. Now we regularly see 450-650 again attending. Our District Treasure Linda remains a very involved member of the HYP team and is also Web mistress as well! The responses to the [www.hypefleet.co.uk](http://www.hypefleet.co.uk) web site from the youngsters of the area are wonderful and make all the effort worthwhile. We have developed networking sites and schools computer systems to market and promote the events These are interactive and now we have a quality brand. The new event is attracting young parents to join in as volunteers with the possibility of joining Lions.

What do Lions get out of this we ask? We hear all the time Children are our future, they are also a core of the community. Schools and parents are a dominant force in the community and frankly HYPE

events enable us to build great relationships and awareness along with building good relationships with the local councillors, police, youth service and schools. Youngsters are very supportive of Lions in our town....who are Rotary?

If you have a SNAP event locally do ask your local Police if they need help. It is rewarding and fun with great returns. You may even attract younger members! Please call Fleet Lions to learn more.

### Youth Football

Due to inclement weather the match finally got played on Saturday 20 February.

Due to half term holidays Wimborne & Ferndown Team could only take 10 players which put them at a disadvantage from the start, but they gave a very good try. Wokingham team with sixteen players to chose from won 4.0 .

This sounds a lot but Merley played very well and had a dubious penalty given against them and which looked a very good goal disallowed, because the referee said it did not cross the line it had stuck in the mud, but Reeves Rangers sponsored by Wokingham Club were worthy winners in the end.

It was a good match played in good spirits on a very nice but bitterly cold day. They enjoyed themselves both on the pitch and back in the local pub for refreshments. Lion Don Crabtree

**A Message from your Editor** - Sadly a lack of articles for this issue so have put in some more pictures of Convention.

Please 'PRO's' let me have some news. The next issue will close on 24th May. **Lion Peter Garlick**

### More Convention Pictures

