



District 105D District Governor Alan Chapman



**51st Annual District Convention
18th - 20th March 2016
Holiday Inn,
Winchester
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Teamwork with Friendship and Fellowship

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.

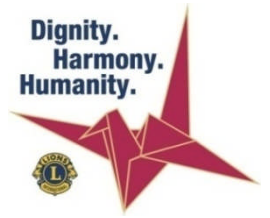
TO ENCOURAGE service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavours.



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“Teamwork with Friendship and Fellowship”

My Fellow Lions, Guests and Friends, welcome to this 51st 105D District Convention.



It gives me tremendous pleasure to welcome you to this 2016 Convention at the Holiday Inn, Winchester where we can celebrate another year of superb service to our communities within the borders of District 105D. We used this venue in 2014 where we had a very successful Convention and hopefully we will enjoy the same service and facilities for a second time.

The District Convention Committee under the supervision of the Chairman Peter Burnett have worked very hard to make sure that you have an enjoyable experience of the event, they have used a similar blueprint to our 2015 Convention which was very successful.

Due to the lack of ceiling height in the conference hall we are unable to carry out the usual Flag Ceremony, instead the flags will be a static reminder of who we are and our reason for being a Lion. Like the Union Flag and the Stars and Stripes, the Lions Flag is a Rallying Point where, like soldiers, the Standard means safety and security, in our case it means unity.

The official business of Convention will take place after the opening ceremony and will continue until lunchtime. There will be a celebrity keynote speaker during the morning to break the concentration of the session. After lunch there will be 3 workshops for you to attend, you can move between the workshops as you wish, but they will be interesting and informative.

This year we have several resolutions that will take time to debate and agree and in some cases carried forward to the Multiple District Convention in Eastbourne. I will expect reasonable, constructive and concise debate to keep within the time restraints allocated for each Resolution session.

There will be a special emphasis on the first time and new Lions within the District who will be given the opportunity to discuss any queries they might have with our International Guest, Past International Director Howard Lee and his wife Lion Claire, they will host an informal lunch on Saturday.

The Sunday morning will be an informal gathering with a one hour session whereby up to 10 or 12 clubs will have 5 minutes to showcase the best of their activities and events where other clubs can learn from their successes. This will then be followed by the Competition Awards, then a Q&A session with the DG Team and our International Guest Lion Howard.

As the Convention comes to a close, you will have the opportunity to give your opinions on what you would like to see changed for future Conventions; the Convention committee will have a Q&A session for you to let us know how you would like Conventions to be in the future. Do we want to continue as we have done historically or do we need to change the format to encourage more Club members to attend in the future? It's your Convention; tell us how you would like it to evolve in the future.

Have an enjoyable Convention, it's the only time we all get together to rekindle some old friendships and make some new ones.

Kind regards
Alan



PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR LION HOWARD LEE

Howard joined the Lions Club of Farnham in 1976 at the age of 25. He has been heavily involved in many of its major fundraising activities such as the renowned Beer Exhibition, now in its 39th year, the annual Town Carnival, and also in most of its key services projects.

Howard has had continuous involvement in District 105SE Cabinet for the last 34 years. He was District Governor in 1988/89 and has played a major part in the District's growth and effectiveness. He has taken a particular interest in international relations and projects, and is hands-on chairman of the Lions Belarus Trust, which has provided aid over many years to the Gomel area of Belarus, affected by poverty and by the Chernobyl catastrophe. He has visited the area many times, and was instrumental in forming the Gomel Lions Club. He is also Chairman and a prime mover in the Districts appeal to raise £250,000 to facilitate night flying by Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance, thus serving up to 700 extra patients each year.

Howard has undertaken many roles for MD105. He was the first MD Diabetes Coordinator, and served for four years on the board of Medic Alert. He spent six years as MD Treasurer, and later devised The Club Development Programme, which has now been adapted and released in MD105 as "My Ideal Club" programme and worldwide by LCI as the Club Excellence Process.

In 2007, MD105 teamed up with Moorfields Eye Hospital in London to make an LCIF Sightfirst grant application to build an eye hospital in Ghana that will bring sight services to an extra 50,000 people per year, as well as training ophthalmologists for the whole of the West Africa region. After leading the negotiations for a grant worth \$2m, Howard was elected by the trustees as their chairman to head the team that is making the project a reality. The Lions International Eye Centre, Korle Bu, is now open and will be a ground-breaker in new training methods for ophthalmologists in developing countries.

He served as a member of the LCI Nominations Committee in Hong Kong in 1992, and was International Fiscal Agent for many years. During his term as International Director in 2003/2005, he was appointed chairman of the Public Relations committee. From 2006 to 2008 he was head of Europe on the International Campaign Sightfirst II Committee, where his target of \$32m was well exceeded, and eventually raised \$46m, making a massive contribution towards the worldwide total raised of \$200m. In 2008/09 he served on the LCI Board as an appointee on the Long Range Planning Committee and on the Finance Committee, both very prestigious appointments. He also served for seven years as a Global Membership Team Leader for part of Europe, for which programme he has developed materials and presentations for use by the whole team across the world.

Since its formation in 1945, Lions Clubs International has been associated with the United Nations, and enjoys consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council. In view of his long experience and great success in international matters, Howard has been appointed to the highly prestigious position of LCI's representative to the UN in Geneva, and joins a team dedicated to enhancing the relationship between the two great organisations, and increasing the work LCI does together with UN. As an extension of this work, Howard has now been appointed to a Europe-wide committee to advise LCI, LCIF and Lions on the ground on the assistance we can give for the millions of refugees now escaping Syria.

Howard has acted as presenter and/or coordinator at forums and workshops globally over many years and is regularly invited to participate in international faculties. Three times, he has been appointed by the incoming International President as a faculty member for the DG Elect School at the International Convention.

Howard is a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and his many recognitions for service include twelve International President Awards, and the highest award, the Ambassador of Goodwill.

He is senior partner of an accountancy practice, and lives in Farnham with his wife Lion Claire MJF. They have two grown-up children, and one grandchild.

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37.	Settle back	
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Workshops in afternoon

Title	Venue	Presenters	Time
Plan for the Centennial	Hampshire	Dave Ebsworth	13.30
Retention, Formation of New Clubs and Branch Clubs	Monarch	Pauline McCreanor/David Merchant/Ken Staniforth	13.30
Leo Clubs – Alpha & Omega	Emporer	John Apps/Jodie Martel	13.30

Sunday Morning – Order of proceedings (all in Main Hall)

1	Tell us what you do – you tell us in 5 minutes what has been successful in your club (no props – just stand up and speak – (limited to 8 clubs)	10.00	45
2	Competitions and Awards (continued): Lion Judith Goodchild <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment poster awards • Essay competition • Poetry Competition • Junior Peace Poster and CAD awards 	10.45	15
3	Outside Charity presentations – 4 minutes (limited to 4 Charities)	11.00	16
4	Deaf Awareness Presentation – Chloe & Sophie's Special Ears Fund – Karen Jackson	11.16	15
5	Open Forum with PID Lion Howard Lee – an opportunity to chat with Howard and ask the questions YOU want answers about LCI, and Howards involvement with the United Nations	11.31	30
6	Tell us what you think: District Governor Lion Alan Chapman and Convention Committee Chairman	12.01	15
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**MINUTES OF THE 50th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF DISTRICT 105D
HELD AT THE WESSEX HOTEL, BOURNEMOUTH BH2 5EU
ON SATURDAY 20TH MARCH 2015**

1. Call to Order

The Annual Convention of District 105D was called to order by District Sergeant at Arms Lion Dave Ebsworth.

2. The Health & Safety Briefing was carried out by Lion Jo Hamblin, District Health & Safety Officer.

3. Welcome to Convention: DG Mike Hendy welcomed the following Lions who were there when the District was formed:- PCC Ken Riley, PCC David Hitchins, PDG Albert Whittle, PDG Don Hawkins, Lion Ray Sidaway and PDG Bob Moore who was in District 105A.

4. Opening of Convention: was carried out by COC PDG Lion Michael Phillips.

5. The Vote of thanks to COC PDG Lion Michael Phillips was performed by DG Mike Hendy.

6. Introduction of Guests & Principal Officers: DG Mike Hendy introduced the following:-

- * PID Lion Phil Nathan MBE & Lion Heidi-Ann Nathan
- * COC PDG Lion Michael Phillips & Patricia Phillips
- * PCC Lion Martin Morgan & Jill Morgan
- * IPDG Lion David Merchant & Lion Diane Merchant
- * 1st VDG Lion Alan Chapman and Anne Chapman
- * 2nd VDG Lion David Taylor and Lion Gudgin
- * The District Admin Team:-
 - PDG Lion Godwin Micallef (District Secretary)
 - Lion Linda Picton (District Treasurer)
 - PCC Lion John Goodchild (District CNRO)
 - Lion Dave Ebsworth (Sergeant At Arms)
- * In addition, DH Mike Hendy introduced a number of guests from other Districts.

7. Recognition of PDG's and 1st Timers at Convention:

DG Mike Hendy asked the PDG's and 1st timers to stand and be recognised.

8. Ethic and Purpose: 2nd VDG David Taylor read out one Ethic and one purpose.

9. The Remembrance Ceremony was conducted by 1VDG Alan Chapman.

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

Lion Sue Balchin	Lions Club of Wokingham
Lion Peter Barker	Lions Club of City of Portsmouth
Lion Stan Boon	Lions Club of Isle of Wight Ventnor
Lion John Farley MBE	Lions Club of Jersey
PDG Lion Alan Field	Lions Club of Isle of Wight Newport
Lion Richard Gillam	Lions Club of Blackmore Vale
Lion Frank Hughes	Lions Club of Warminster
Lion Ken Lee	Lions Club of Southbourne & Boscombe
Lion Sid Perry	Lions Club of Yateley
Lion Gerry Vincent	Lions Club of Poole
Lion Jim Windley	Lions Club of Maidenhead

Let us also remember those ex-lions, who during their life gave of their time and who have now also passed to higher service.

10. Lighting of the Remembrance Candle was performed by DG Mike Hendy who thanked all those taking part.

11. Doors were opened for partners and quest to depart.

12. Call to order, Attendance Report and Messages: SAA Dave Ebsworth read out the greeting received from Buckingham Palace and stated that he had also received a number of cards wishing the DG a happy Convention. He also reported that 77 Delegates, representing 44 clubs had registered for voting purposes.

13. Invoke District Standing orders and introduction of Tail Twisters was carried out by DG Lion Mike Hendy.

14. Minutes of the 49th Annual Convention and any matters arising: were drawn to the attention of the delegates. They were proposed by PDG Roger Munday (Fleet) seconded by Lion Iain Pudney (Burnham, Bucks) that the minutes be accepted as a true record.

The proposal was carried. There were no matters arising

15. Report of Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer:

CNRO Lion John Goodchild (Loddon Valley) presented his report and stated that, as at the closing date, there were no proposals to host the 2017 Convention. However, there were 2 Clubs willing to make proposals as follows:-

* Lion John Le Maistre (Jersey) proposed that it could be held in the Merton Hotel, Jersey.

* PDG Lion Jeff Byers proposed that it could be held in a Hotel in Bournemouth.

CNRO John Goodchild suggested that Convention could not vote on either at the moment, and that both Clubs should present their proposals and Budgets to Cabinet, who would review them.

This was accepted by Convention.

16. Business and voting procedures: were read out by CNRO Lion John Goodchild who also confirmed that there was a quorum at Convention. Lion John pointed out that there were 5 Resolutions to be voted on. He also stated that Resolution 3a was actually an amendment to Resolution 3, which had been missed out in the original submission. Therefore, the amendment to Resolution 3 would be voted on first and then, if accepted, Resolution 3, as amended, would be voted on. Resolutions 3 and 4 required a 2/3rds majority, as they relate to amendments to the Constitution. Resolutions 1 and 2 only require a simple majority.

17. Nominations for District Governor 2015/2016: CNRO Lion John Goodchild announced that there was only one candidate for the position:- Lion Alan Chapman (Warminster), proposed by Lion Digby Barker (Warminster) and seconded by Lion Denise Stenner (Gillingham, Mere and Shaftesbury). Lion Alan, then addressed Convention.

18. Nominations for First Vice District Governor 2015/2016: CNRO Lion John Goodchild announced that there was only one candidate for this position: - Lion David Taylor (GMS) proposed by Lion Deborah Clarke (GMS) and seconded by Lion Patrick Hamblin (Reading). Lion David then addressed Convention.

19. Nominations for Second Vice District Governor 2015/2016: CNRO Lion John Goodchild announced that there were the following two candidates for this position:-

Lion Peter Burnett (Wimborne & Ferndown) proposed by Lion Ken Taylor (Wimborne & Ferndown) and seconded by PDG Lion Fred Massey (Fleet). Lion Peter then addressed Convention.

Lion Ken Staniforth (Salisbury & District) proposed by Lion Brian Smith (Salisbury & District) and seconded by Barry Germain (Lodden Valley). Lion Ken then addressed Convention.

20. Thanks to the Candidates: DG Mike thanked the candidates.

21. Report of the DG Team and Admin Team: DG Mike Hendy asked if there were any questions relating to the reports. Lion David Birt (Blackmore Vale) thanked the District Treasurer for good accounting. He further stated that the Admin account showed a surplus and a comparison against the 2013/14 accounts. However, the Charity accounts did not show a comparison against the prior year. DT Lion Linda Picton stated that, historically, the Charity account is not compared to prior years and that those accounts are available on the District website.

These reports were proposed, on behalf of Cabinet, by PDG Lion Godwin Micallef (District Secretary) and seconded by PCC David Firth (Westbury).

The proposal was carried.

22. 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 DT Lion Linda Picton (Hart), on behalf of Cabinet, and seconded by IPDG Lion David Merchant (Newbury). **The proposal was carried.**

Resolution 2: The District Per Capita Levy for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 shall remain in the sum of £11.00 per Lion. This shall be payable in two equal instalments - £5.50 per Lion by 1 August 2015 based upon the known membership as at 30 June 2015 and £5.50 per Lion by 1 February 2016 based upon the known membership as at 31 December 2015.

It was proposed by District Treasurer Lion Linda Picton (Hart), on behalf of Cabinet, and seconded by IPDG David Merchant (Newbury). **The proposal was carried.**

Resolution 3: This Convention resolves that the District 105D Constitution be amended as follows:

- (a) Article 3 Section 2(e) - Delete the Words “the Multiple District Secretary”
- (b) Article 3 Section 3(c) - Delete this section in its entirety and re label the sections which follow (c) to (d) inclusive
- (c) Article 3 current Section 3(e) – Delete the words “Subject to the discretion of the Governor the second [Zone] meeting shall be held before 30th November in the Year and the third [Zone] meeting shall be held before 28th February in the Year”.
- (d) Article IV Section 1(d) - re-word to read, “The District Treasurer shall be empowered to levy a carrying charge, not exceeding Ten Pounds (£10.00), on any Per Capita Levy not settled in full by the due date”.
- (e) Article IV Section 3(a) - Add to the end of this section the words, “These expenses shall be payable in line with the latest version of ‘District Guidelines for District Officer Claims’. These Guidelines shall from time to time be reviewed by the District Cabinet and be available to District Officers from the District Website.
- (f) Article IV Section 3(b) - Re-word to read, “Mileage Rates payable to District Officers in the course of their District duties shall be the same as those payable to a Multiple District Officer unless otherwise decided by the Cabinet.”
- (g) Article VIII Section 4(e)(iii) - Reword 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 **or previous** Convention, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (iv) of this section.
- (h) Article IX Section 2(a) - Reword to read, “The attendance in person of a majority of the delegates registered at a convention shall constitute a quorum at any session of the convention”.
- (i) Article IX Section 5(a) - Reword to read, “At the commencement of the business session of each Convention the Chairman presiding shall invoke the latest version of District 105D Convention Standing Orders, as appended to this Constitution.
- (j) Article IX Section 5(b) - Add after the words “voting delegates” the words “present and who exercise their right to vote”.
- (k) Article IX Section 6 - Reword to read, “Within 60 (sixty) days of the close of Convention the District Secretary shall transmit a copy of the complete minutes thereof to the Association’s International Office, all Cabinet members, and to every Club Secretary.
- (l) Article XI Sections 1 and 2 – Add after the words “Registered Delegates” the word “Voting”.
- (m) Append to the end of the Constitution, as an appendix the Convention Standing Orders and the Notes attaching to but not forming part of the Convention Standing Orders, making it clear that these do not form part of the Constitution.

It was proposed, on behalf of Cabinet, by IPDG David Merchant and seconded by District Secretary PDG Lion Godwin Micallef.

Before voting on Resolution 3, Resolution 3a had to be accepted as an amendment.

Resolution 3a: This Convention resolves to amend Resolution 3, by adding after the words “be amended as follows”:

“a new section (a) to read: “Reword Article III Section 2(c) [of the District 105D Constitution] to read, “*For any meeting thereof [Cabinet] the attendance of a simple majority of District Officers entitled to attend meetings of the Cabinet shall constitute a quorum.*”

AND renumber the existing sections of the resolution, (b) to (n) inclusive.

It was proposed, on behalf of Cabinet, by PDG Lion Judith Goodchild, and seconded by District Treasurer Lion Linda Picton.

The proposal was carried.

The proposer and seconder, of the original Resolution 3, agreed to accept the proposed amendment to it.

Convention was reminded that Resolution 3 required a two thirds Majority, as it related to Constitution changes.

The proposal was carried.

Resolution 4: This Convention resolves to amend Article IV Section 1 of the District 105D Constitution as follows:

Add a new Section C to read, "(c) (i) Payment of District Dues will not be collected on members shown as dropped by the Association's Official Records within 30 days of the commencement of the billing period (30th June or 31st December, as appropriate). In the event that the Club has already paid the District dues for that half year, the Club shall be reimbursed.

(ii) Billing for District Dues for a new member will begin the first day of the month in which the member joins, as shown by the records of the Association and the Club will be liable for payment of the District Dues on a pro-rata basis at the average monthly rate, based on the agreed annual District Dues, through to the end of the billing period. These Dues shall be collected by the District Treasurer at the commencement of the next billing period (30th June or 31st December, as appropriate).

(iii) Payment of Multiple District Dues shall be as from time to time set out by the Multiple District Constitution."

AND renumber the existing Section (c), (d).

It was proposed, on behalf of Cabinet, by IPDG Lion David Merchant and seconded by District Treasurer Lion Linda Picton.

Convention was reminded that Resolution 4 required a two thirds Majority, as it related to Constitution changes.
The proposal was carried.

23. Zone Chairmen Reports (en bloc):

DG Mike Hendy asked the Zone Chairmen to stand and be recognised.

Their reports were to be voted on, en bloc.

They were proposed by IPDG Lion David Merchant (Newbury) and seconded by Lion Pauline McCreanor (Isle of Wight Ryde).

The proposal was carried.

24. Reports of the Club Development, Communications, Community Services, International Relations, LCIF Advisor and Youth Committees (en bloc):

DG Mike Hendy asked the Committee Chairmen to stand and be recognised.

Their reports were to be voted on, en bloc.

They were proposed by PDG Lion Ron Twining (Isle of Wight Sandown & Shanklin) and seconded by Lion Jim Godden (Gillingham, Mere & Shaftesbury).

The proposal was carried.

25. Introduction of Peace Poster winner & Award: Youth Chairman Lion Yorky Tuke stated that the winner was unable to attend Convention. PID Lion Phil Nathan presented the Trophy to the Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club.

26. Introduction of Young Ambassador Winner and address: Youth Chairman Lion Yorky Tuke stated that the winner was unable to attend Convention and showed a video of her presentation at the MD Finals. The Trophy was presented to Jersey Lions Club. Lion Yorky Tuke made a plea to find candidates for future competitions as there were only 2 candidates this year.

In addition, he stated that the Young Leaders in Service Certificates are now held at MD and that the Westbury Lions Club intends to launch a Leos Club by the end of March.

27. Special Presentation: DG Mike Hendy had visited a 'Lions Den' competition organised by Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club. He introduced youths who had made a presentation re Diabetes Children of East Dorset at that event. DG Mike Hendy invited them to attend Convention and make their presentation there. In addition to their presentation, a video was shown which highlighted all the medication required by one child and the special pouch, which was required, to hold a sugar level checking device. The appeal was for the pouches to be available for schoolchildren with Diabetes. PID Lion Phil Nathan had spoken to the International President, about these Youths, and presented each one of them with the International Presidents Pin. In addition, he is seeking a supplier who could produce these pouches in a cost effective way.

28. Open Forum: DG Mike Hendy invited the Convention attendees to raise questions but not MD issues such as MD Dues costs. Some changes have been made in our District, since the Club Survey and, as a result of recent discussions with some Clubs; there will be an 'Open Day' to discuss further issues. This will take place on 7th June and the venue has yet to be decided.
Topics raised were:-

- A. Lion Steve Newton (Meon Valley) stated that there was a disparity between new members paying dues but not being included in the eligible membership total for voting. E.g. they had not been members for a year and a day. As a result, their Club had one less Delegate than originally intended.

PID Lion Phil Nathan explained that this is an LCI requirement and was established due to unscrupulous activities such as setting up temporary phantom Clubs in order to obtain votes, buying short term voting members etc. in certain parts of the World.

Unfortunately, it is a case of one cap fits all re Constitutions and LCI dues. He works with Eastern European Lions who pay the same LCI dues as us, but their average annual salaries are very much lower. To change these sorts of disparities requires a change to the LCI Constitution. This needs Resolutions to be sent to the International Convention.

- B. 1VDG Lion Alan Chapman asked if we are going to set up a Fund raising project for the Pacific Typhoon. PID Lion Phil Nathan stated that LCI are already talking to the one Club in the Islands but there are many other smaller Islands to be considered. MD is ready to send out the Water Cans, if needed, but we are not sure about starting Fund raising yet, as we are not sure where they are needed?. However, it would be a good idea if Clubs donated to the Emergency Water Cans funds so that we have a stock in place, which could be sent out straight away when emergencies arise, rather than waiting for donations towards a specific disaster. Last year LCI lent us USD 50,000 to get this project going.

Lion Mike Baker (Alton) stated that we should perform fund raising whilst disasters are in the national media. DT Linda Picton stated that donations should be made to the MD or LCI Disaster Funds, rather than specific disasters. There are 2 reasons for this; Firstly, if you specify a particular disaster then those funds get ring-fenced for that appeal only, whereas if it is for the 'general' disaster fund, then relief will go to the current areas of need. Secondly, donations to LCI general Disaster fund qualify for MJF's where 'specific' appeals do not.

- C. Lion John Slater (Maidenhead) asked what ratio is there of mixed Clubs versus single Gender Clubs. DG Mike stated that he is a great advocate of mixed Clubs and there is a trend of moving towards such Clubs.
- D. SAA Lion Dave Ebsworth stated that most new members work during the day and are Lions in their spare time. They need centralised packs / professional documents for taking around. e.g. there is not a video for Young Leaders In Service. Youth Chairman Lion Yorky Tuke stated that our literature is professionally produced and a PowerPoint presentation will be available, to take to schools.
- E. Lion John Alcock (New Milton) stated that Lions have moved on with technology but not all members are IT literate. Will there be printed copies of the MD Directories. COC PDG Lion Michael Phillips stated that there will be printed copies, for those who really need them.

29. Introduction Of Guest Speaker: PDG Lion Patrick Hamblin introduced Mr. David Baxter-Smith who is a retired Prostate Cancer Surgeon.

30. Guest Speaker: Mr. David Baxter-Smith gave a presentation on the Prostate Gland, the effects of Prostate Cancer and some ways of minimising it. Despite being retired, he works with, amongst other groups, 12 Lions Clubs in performing PSA tests which can highlight problems. Over the last few years, he has performed over 45,000 tests.

31. Vote of Thanks: Lion John Mack (Reading) thanked Mr. David Baxter-Smith for the presentation and for working with his Club in provided tests locally.

32. Summation: DG Mike Hendy also thanked Mr. David Baxter-Smith for all the support he provides to Lions. He stated that some Lions Clubs, and the District Cabinet, wanted to recognise his effort. To this end, he asked PID Lion Phil Nathan to present him with a Melvin Jones Fellowship in recognition of all his work for us. In addition, DG Mike Hendy also presented Lion John Mack with an International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts in promoting Prostate Cancer awareness.

33. Attendance Reports and Notices: SAA Dave Ebsworth reported that 85 Delegates, representing 49 clubs had registered for voting purposes. Convention was reminded that Ballot Boxes would be open until 1:30 p.m.

34. Adjournment for Lunch.

35. Ballot Boxes open for voting of the DG Team for 2015/2016.

36. Workshops as listed in Main Hall, Wessex Suite and Bourne Suite.

37. Settle Back

38. Reconvene Convention: DG Mike Hendy welcomed everyone back.

39. Presentation of awards for the District Competitions.

PDG Lion Judith Goodchild announced the following Competition winners:-

<u>AWARDS PRESENTED ON SATURDAY</u>	
Bill Field Sight Cup	Basingstoke Lions Club
Leo Plumley Award for Community service	Reading Lions Club
Ian Birch Membership Award	Salisbury Lions Club
Barrie Richardson Travelling Lion Award	Hart Lions Club
The Graham Drayton Social Media Award	Windsor Lions Club
The Brigid Hendy Website Award	Hart Lions Club
John Greenaway International Award	Ringwood and Fordingbridge Lions Club
Colin Rickman Award for Youth Activities	Westbury Lions Club
Godwin Micallef Cup for Peace Poster	Megan Hill sponsored by Ringwood and Fordingbridge Lions Club
The Young Ambassador Award	Jenna Volpert sponsored by the Lions Club of Jersey
<u>AWARDS PRESENTED ON SUNDAY</u>	
Environmental Poster Competition	
Ann Twining Junior	Leah Shelton sponsored by Blackmore Vale Lions Club
Ron Twining Senior	Alice Mantle sponsored by Hayling Island Lions
Peter Allen Photographic Award	Steve Fulcher Crofton Lions
Poetry Competition	
John Goodchild Award for Poets aged 7-10	Dylan Anns sponsored by Loddon Valley Lions Club
Peace Poster	
Bill Smith Memorial Peace Poster Trophies	
7-8	Beth Nwachukwu sponsored by Yateley and District Lions Club
9-10	Jai Gautam sponsored by Yateley and District Lions Club
CAD	Sam Wood sponsored by Yateley and District Lions Club

40. Announcement of Election Results for DG, 1VDG and 2VDG 2015-2016.

DG Lion Mike Hendy announced the results of the ballots held earlier in the day:-

2nd Vice District Governor 2015-2016

Lion Peter Burnett (Wimborne & Ferndown)

1st Vice District Governor 2015-2016

Lion David Taylor (Gillingham, Mere and Shaftesbury)

District Governor 2015-2016

Lion Alan Chapman (Warminster)

DG Mike Hendy congratulated all the winners and sought, and received, permission to destroy the Ballot papers. He also thanked PDG Lion Brenda Wood (105SW) and PCC Lion Martin Morgan (105A), who acted as the Tellers.

2nd Vice Governor Elect: Lion Peter Burnett (Wimborne & Ferndown) thanked everyone and addressed Convention.

1st Vice Governor Elect: Lion David Taylor (GMS) thanked everyone and addressed Convention.

District Governor Elect: Lion Alan Chapman (Warminster) thanked everyone. He stated that we are in danger of stagnation and, of our 62 Clubs; there are a number with less than 8 members.

Going forward, we should encourage more female members and have ethnic Clubs.

By increasing our membership, we will reduce costs.

41. Leo Club of Guernsey

DG Mike Hendy stated that we only have one Leo's Club at the moment but we have possibilities of new Clubs in Westbury, Windsor and Bournemouth. Lion John Apps (Portsmouth) introduced Lion John Allaway (Guernsey) and two Guernsey Leos who gave a presentation on the activities that their Club are involved with.

42. Introduction of the International Guest

PCC Lion David Firth (Westbury) stated that the 1-2-4 project, which is to provide sewing machines for widows in India, has received £4,000 in donations from our District. On behalf of District 105D, he introduced PID Lion Phil Nathan MBE, who coordinates the Gift for Living appeal as well as suggesting the 1-2-4 project.

43. Address of the International Guest

During his presentation, which included some short videos, PID Lion Phil Nathan emphasised that it is about Service, not numbers. Service is our biggest membership tool and we should work as a Team. He confirmed that we are still working in the Philippines and the water jerry cans are still being used.

44. Vote of Thanks

PDG Lion Brigid Hendy thanked PID Lion Phil Nathan and stated that you could feel the emotion in the room.

DG Mike Hendy then thanked all those who had made presentations today.

45. International Awards

DG Mike Hendy asked PID Lion Phil Nathan to present International Presidents Certificates to:-

PDG Lion Roger Huntley (Isle of Wight Newport)

Lion Derek Lacey (Basingstoke)

Lion Iain Pudney (Burnham, Bucks)

Lion Ricky Paddock (Poole)

DG Mike then presented District Governor Certificate of Appreciation to:-

Lion Peter Tabb (Jersey)

Lion Zone chairman Mike Baker (Alton)

Lion Debbie Burnett (Wimborne & Ferndown)

46. Presentation of Gift to the International Guest

DG Mike Hendy presented PID Phil Nathan with a donation towards the 'Gift for Living' project.

47. Presentation by Convention Host Committee 2016 and introduction of Committee

Lion Peter Burnett (Wimborne & Ferndown) stated that the 206 Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn, Winchester. This is the same venue where the 2014 Convention was held. He then introduced the Committee members.

48. Any Other Business

IPDG Lion David Merchant congratulated DG Mike Hendy on the changes made to Convention and the large number of people attending.

49. Presentation of the 2015 Convention Host Committee:

Lion Graham Drayton (Fleet) introduced the Committee and thanked them for their efforts. In addition, he thanked Bournemouth Lions Club for manning the Registration Desks; Wimborne & Ferndown Lions Club for organising the Raffle and manning the MD stall; Wareham Lions for providing the minibus to transport people to/from the Town centre and Lion Devan Kandiah (Eastleigh) for looking after Convention First-Timers.

He also thanked a member of the Hotel staff, Stephanie, for all her support and effort with Convention and presented her with a District Banner.

50. Tailtwister's Final Fling

SAA Lion David Ebsworth fined the two Tailtwisters for doing an excellent job!

51. Final announcements

First-Timers were invited to attend the DG's Soiree, later that evening.

52. Closing Ceremony

DG Lion Mike Hendy thanked everyone and the ceremony closed with the singing of the National Anthem and Land of Hope and Glory.

53. Close of the 50th Convention of Lions Clubs International, District 105D

took place at 16:28 hrs.

From Constitution, Nominations And Resolutions Officer - PDG Lion David Merchant

Following last year's District Convention the International Office at Oak Brook was advised of the names of the successful candidates in the ballots for District Governor and First and Second District Governor for 2015-16. The District Constitution was revised in line with the decisions taken at Convention 2015 and the revised version was published on the District website, where a copy can always be found.

The Convention 2016 Call was issued by the District Governor in August 2015, and this included requesting Nominations for the posts of District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governors for 2016-17, any Resolutions to be considered at Convention 2016 and an Invitation to host Convention 2018. The District Cabinet has accepted a proposal to host Convention 2017 in Bournemouth and there will be a presentation on this proposal during Convention 2016.

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

- One nomination had been received for the post of District Governor 2016-17
- One nomination had been received for the post of First Vice District Governor 2016-17
- One nomination had been received for the post of Second Vice District Governor 2016-17
- These nominations will each require an election by way of secret ballot at Convention 2016.
- Eight Resolutions had been received for debate at Convention 2016, 5 in the name of the District Cabinet and 3 in the name of Clubs.
- No Invitation was received to host Convention 2018, but I understand there may be one forthcoming from the floor during Convention 2016.

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

At the time of writing this report (late December 2015) I have not received any amendments for the published Resolutions. However as the closing date for receipt of amendments by me is Saturday 16th January 2016 it is possible this situation may change. Should this be the case, Clubs will be advised accordingly when final details of all the Nominations and Resolutions are issued in late January 2016.

I continue to provide the District Governor and the District Cabinet with advice on constitutional matters. Such queries have increased in recent times and have concerned the impact and possible consequences of redistricting should this possibility become a reality. At the same time I am always willing to offer advice to Clubs on constitutional matters and also I am able to help Clubs wishing to prepare Resolutions for debate at Convention – as I did earlier this year.

Lion David Taylor

Curriculum Vitae

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I have been a Lions Club member for 19 years, joining when I lived in Preston.

Born in Devon and raised in London, my main career led me around the globe in the RAF, retiring after 25 years as a Wing Commander with logistics, IT and PR experience. During my career I had responsibility for large staffing levels and the associated budgets along with an enormous amount of committee work.

After moving from Lancashire I worked for Wiltshire Police as a media officer working with local and national journalists. Then, nine years ago, I was asked to set up and manage the voluntary-staffed Tourist Information Centre in Shaftesbury.

Meanwhile, in Lions, I had served as Club Treasurer and President before being invited to join the District Cabinet as PRO - a post I held for five years. During this time I also served on the Lord Mayor's Show Committee, planning each year's entry and coordinating our District's participation.

I was also asked to serve on the Multiple District PR Committee, originally for three years but then asked to stay on for a further fourth year which included the planning for the visit by our International Board to Edinburgh.

I have also attended our District, Multiple District and International Conventions – listening to Lawrie McMenemy led me to be a volunteer gamesmaker on the transport team at the GB Special Olympics in Bath and, in 2015, my son did the same at the World Games in Los Angeles.

Away from Lions my community work continued: chairman of the local Cancer Research Committee; director of the local community partnership; director of the community swimming pool and giving my time to referee football for the English Schools FA and local community leagues.

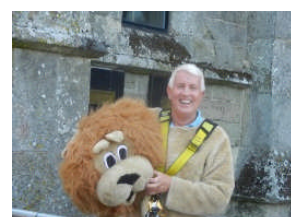
In recognition of this community work I was very proud to be selected as a Torchbearer for the 2012 Olympics and took great delight in being told the strapline of "Lions Clubs International" came up on the live broadcast as I ran through Hamworthy.

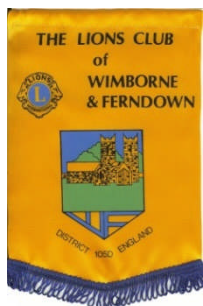
After serving my third term of office as President of GMS Lions, I was invited to be a Region Chairman and I thoroughly enjoyed visiting our Clubs, seeing how different we all are while sharing the same values. During my time as 2nd VDG and 1st VDG I have continued to visit the majority of Clubs in our District.

I have also attended the Advance Lions Leadership Institute and was one of 20 people around Europe selected to attend the Lions Faculty Development Institute in Germany. Both occasions enabled me to mix with Lions from so many different countries, comparing our differences but, more importantly, the things we have in common.

Having served for over thirty years in a uniformed environment, I know the value of planning and organisation. However, working in the voluntary sector has confirmed my belief that the pyramid of organisation starts with the individual Lion at the very top, supported (not controlled) by each level underneath them –Lions Club members helping each other, Zone Clubs helping each other with Region/District there to offer further advice and support when needed.

But most of all we should be having fun serving our community!





**The Lions Club of Wimborne & Ferndown
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Are proud to nominate

**Lion Peter Burnett
For First Vice District Governor
District 105D - 2016– 2017**



At Club Level:

I joined Pocklington District Lions Club in 1985 serving as Treasurer, Secretary, and Tail-Twister. After transferring to Hornsea & District Lions Club in 1988, I served there as both Secretary and Fund-Raising Chairman.

I took a temporary break in 1990 due to the commitments of a young family, but rejoined a year later with Wimborne & Ferndown Lions Club. Since then I have been Club President in 1997 and 2004, also serving on a number of committees including being Treasurer, Secretary, Tail Twister, Welfare Chairman and Fund-Raising Chairman.

At District Level:

I became the Diabetes Officer in 1998, LEHP Officer 1999, Zone Chairman 2005 & 2010, Region Chairman 2006, 2007, 2012 & 2013, Region Membership Specialist in 2014, Health & Safety Officer 2008 & 2009 and Vulnerable Persons Officer in 2008. This year I am both 2nd Vice District Governor and Convention Chairman.

Additional Lions Experience:

As Zone Chairman in 2005, I also supported Bournemouth Lions Club by being their acting President; for this work I was awarded the District Governors Zone Chairman Award. I am also a Certified Guiding Lion, have attended numerous District Conventions and have been a regular at Multiple-District Conventions since 2006. In February 2014 I attended the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Budapest.

At Work:

I am a pharmacist by profession and, having sold my pharmacies in Bournemouth, I now act as a locum pharmacist. My wife and I also owned a convenience store and still own a post office in the same large run-down estate in Bournemouth as one of the pharmacies. Working in such an area allows us an insight into the problems of poverty in their community and we are both involved in various local organisations to improve the lives of the residents.

At Home:

I am married to Lion Debbie (who has also been a Zone chairman and currently acts as Guiding Lion to Southbourne & Boscombe Lions). We have six children – I have three, Debbie has two and between us we have 12 year old Bethany who is often seen at Club charter dinners. Our children have been brought up surrounded by Lions and have all helped in many ways.

Having sold our shops I can now dedicate the time and commitment to the role of 1st Vice District Governor. Amongst other things I would like to make our organisation more family friendly; I believe that the experience our children have enjoyed of family lionism gives me the necessary expertise to do this and therefore enable us all to attract younger members and their families.

After nearly 30 years of Lions membership, with over 10 years on our District Cabinet, I would be honoured to be given the chance to represent our District at Multiple District level. My main focus would be on enhancing our District membership in terms of retention, new members and more family orientated membership.

Lion Ken Staniforth, The Lions Club of Salisbury & District

Club Level

President
Secretary
Tail Twister
Membership Director

Lions Award

International Presidents Award for
outstanding service to Lions Clubs
International



District Level

Region Community Service Officer
Zone Chair (2 Years)
Region Club Development Specialist
Region Chair

Outside of Lions

Recognised by both Wiltshire
Council Board and Wiltshire Police
for service to the community



Other Lions Activities

Attended Multiple District Conventions
Attended District Conventions
Instrumental in increasing Salisbury Club membership
Instrumental in the planting of 124 trees
Certificate holder of Advanced Lions Leadership Institute
Certified Guiding Lion



Prior to joining Lions

Known in Salisbury for fundraising activities including:

Raising over £10,000.00 for terminally ill 9 year old boy

Arrested by the police in Salisbury and jailed until I made bail for the RNIB (£820.00 raised)

6 x 12 hour pool marathons raising money for various causes including SANDS (Stillborn And Neonatal Death Syndrome £550.00 raised), Cancer Research, Canine Partners, Poppy Appeal to name a few.

About 'Me'

Originally from Barnstaple, North Devon where I have two Daughters and two Grandchildren, I moved to Salisbury in 1999 and then to Bulford near Amesbury 5 years ago. I live with my partner Jean who has been President and Fundraising Committee Member of Salisbury and is currently a serving Club Director.

I am the Managing Director of the health and safety practice that I opened in 2006

My passion is music performing semi-professionally and charitably for over 40 years as vocalist and rhythm guitarist.

My time in Lions is seemingly short but I have achieved a great deal. I am a motivator of people, which has stood me in good stead in my work life, in the development of my own Club and also whenever called upon to assist other Clubs. I am also no stranger to serving my community wherever and whenever the need has arisen and have been proud to do so in a relaxed but confident manner in order to achieve the desired end result. I am actively in pursuit of forming new Clubs on Salisbury Plain.

I believe that as an organisation we need to be looking at new ways of reaching out to young people with fresh ideas whilst retaining the stalwarts who are the backbone of our Clubs. We need to guide and encourage those who are to be the future leaders of our organisation. Our Membership must be diverse, as I firmly believe that everybody has something to give, regardless of their age, gender or personal background situation. Attitudes need to change if we are to grow and survive. We have a mountain to climb and even the best mountaineer needs the wisdom of their guides, the strength of their porters and the stamina for the ascent.

What we give out directly affects what we get in so what do we want our prospective candidates to see? Answering that question is for all of us to consider and a look in the mirror will always be a good start.

DG TEAM - CONVENTION 2016 REPORTS

District Governor – [Lion Alan Chapman](#)

I have now completed the majority of my visits to clubs with two to be carried out in the New Year. The volume of service that some of our smaller clubs are able to commit to their communities has to be acknowledged and they have to be congratulated for their enthusiasm. It has to be said that we do have a problem with the retention of membership, we don't have a problem in recruiting new members, but it is noticeable that for every new member we lose an established member for a variety of reasons. We have to find a way to stem the flow, are we doing enough to encouraging members to stay and help them if they have problems? –

A Problem Shared is a Problem Halved.

Anne and I have attended several Charters this year with many more to look forward to. Unfortunately two clubs were forced to cancel their Charter, one due to lack of numbers, possibly due to the charges hotels are imposing on the clubs and one due the hotel double booking. Perhaps it's time to change our thinking regarding our Charters, a few clubs are now preferring lunch time rather than evening events and afternoon teas are also quite popular where smaller venues are available at much reduced cost.

We visited the Bournemouth Community Wellbeing event where we were surprised at the professionalism and quality of the event which was attracting the public to a variety of displays of health activities, display stands and medical advisors and specialists who had given their time free of charge. This was a tremendous achievement for the club and a real service to the community.

It was with regret that I found it necessary to cancel the Presidents' lunch due to lack of support. Sergeant at Arms Dave Ebsworth had negotiated a good price at The Stones Hotel near Salisbury but this wasn't enough to encourage the Presidents to have their annual get together and swap ideas and make new friends. This could be due to the fact that so many clubs are recycling their President who have been there and done it all before.

I had a similar scenario with the Stones Hotel which was to be the venue for our Cabinet meetings and training sessions. The facilities we were offered originally were not up to expectation and we also found that we had to negotiate a deal for most events and it appeared that everything we wanted to do, the goal post moved making negotiations difficult. We then reverted back to the Alton House Hotel who are much more amenable and have suitable facilities for our needs.

I have attended two Council of Governors meetings and a special Restructuring and Governance meeting where the 1st and 2nd VDGs were invited to discuss the restructuring programme. At the July Council meeting the Governors were confronted by news from District 105I that they wished to leave our Multiple District and become a Single District by July 2017. This presented the Governors with a dilemma where it would be necessary to restructure the remaining Districts and reduce them to a level where all Districts are of Regular Status – not in Transition. This will mean that there will be changes whereby all existing Districts will cease to exist at the end of June 2018 and new Districts will start on 1st July 2018, but it will not affect the Zones as it is hoped to keep them all intact. The new Districts will be larger and the District Governor Team will have to delegate more responsibility to the Region Chairmen to cover the larger areas. It was felt that the travelling across the south of the UK was too great to be workable and therefore I have suggested a further option which basically keeps our district intact. To work it will require the addition of some Zones from Districts A, SE, and W which will give us membership of around 1,580 members taking us out of transition for several years at the present rate of decline.

Immediate Past District Governor – [Lion Mike Hendy](#)

Being District Governor is now a distant memory although it is only 6 months ago as I write this review for Convention 2016. I have now started to 're-live' my personal life – re-joining a choir, as a season ticket holder, enjoying matches at the Madejski with my son and grandson, going to the theatre with Brigid just when we want to and generally spending time with the family or just sitting at home in the evening without having to worry about rushing meals to go out to a meeting or visit. Yes I knew what I was getting into when I was elected, but thank goodness for the concept of the DG Team to visit clubs and attend Charters – I must say publically that I was ably supported by DG Alan and 1st VDG David and PDG David Merchant during my year as DG and for that I am extremely grateful.

Between January and March and the 105D 50th Convention, Brigid and I attended both 105SE and 105SW Conventions, the former in Eastbourne at the site of the 2016 MD Convention and the latter at Combe Martin in a Trade Union Holiday Camp. Both were different but very enjoyable. As in most years we also attended 105A Convention at Elstree where we took the opportunity to meet up with old friends from my days in that District. Funny that if the proposals go through on redistricting, I will end up back in that district – full circle.

And so to our own 105D Convention where we had a full house with just a handful of rooms left in the hotel. The speakers were all inspirational and I hope everybody came away with something – I will admit that in

planning I got the workshops very wrong trying to cram too much into too short a space of time. I do hope that the host committee and I put a sparkle into the occasion where we were able to include all the changes that you – the members – asked for in the 2013 questionnaire.

The MD Convention was held in Birmingham and must go down as one of the worst attended for many years. Perhaps it was the fact that Europa Forum was held there a few months earlier and people's pockets were still recovering – it certainly was not cheap to socialise. I cannot even remember a previous convention where a count had to be made to see if we were quorate and could vote on various decisions

In June, I held an Open Forum at Alton on a Sunday morning attended by some of the DG Team and club members – mostly from clubs in Zone 4i but also attended by members from other zones. Some items discussed at that Forum are the background for some of the resolutions you will debate at convention this weekend so I felt the event was well worth it.

Finally Handover in July where DG Alan took the oath as DG for 105D and was installed by PID Howard Lee and I formally became 'past it'. To all the Lions members in 105D, thank you from the bottom of mine and Brigid's hearts for the friendship, hospitality and support you gave us as we had a wonderful year as Ambassadors for 105D – even being recognised as International Guests at District 124 Convention in Romania. At the end of this year I will 'retire' from District and MD work after 25 years' service at that level and concentrate on club development and it's welfare and social activities.

1st Vice District Governor – [Lion David Taylor](#)

During the year I visited 20 clubs around the District, not only attending their business meetings but also, wherever possible, social or welfare functions.

Just as I found visiting 35 clubs in the previous two years, the great enjoyment has come from the variety and independence of each club. There are so many lessons we can learn from each other that visits to other local clubs or open discussions at zone meetings can be so productive. The different ambitions of each club also mean that our Cabinet has to be versatile in offering advice and support wherever needed. Consequently, when invited to speak to clubs, I have preferred to listen to members' opinions and viewpoints to learn what we can do to improve our efforts.

We have a very important couple of years ahead of us; changes will happen in our administration and governance and it is important that everyone is kept informed and involved in the process. Consequently, the role of the Zone Chair will be pivotal during that period in representing their Clubs' views and keeping them abreast of developments. Our Cabinet is already one of the smallest, if not the smallest, one in the MD and others are looking to the cuts we have already made in our budget. We must continue to look at the way we work, but I believe it is now at MD level that we need to be focussing our attentions.

2nd Vice District Governor – [Lion Peter Burnett](#)

During this year I have visited 20 clubs around the district. It is very rewarding seeing just how different our clubs are, they are all active in their own way although some of the smallest ones do give cause for concern about their long term viability.

As an organisation we really do need address the issue of small clubs and look at ways of increasing their membership so that their communities benefit from an active Lions Club. Of course larger clubs would also benefit from an increase in membership as well if we can get the PR right.

Many of the clubs I visited have some great fund raising ideas and we really do need to share information more readily. When I first joined Lions clubs tended to visit each others meetings more which led to cross fertilisation of ideas, now we are more reliant on zone meetings for this although attendance at those certainly in my part of the district tends to be by the same old faces. We need to either make zone meetings more attractive to all members or get those members to want to attend other clubs to see how they run.

It has been shown this year that the Council of Governors can easily upset the membership if they will not listen. We need to once again remember that we are a membership led organisation and that the C of G is meant to advise not dictate. I have already met both at training and socially with the 2nd Vice District Governor Team who hopefully will become the Council of Governors in 2017-18 and I am confident that as a team we will be more than willing to listen to and act on the wishes of the rank and file members rather than the aspirational few.

I would like to thank the members of all the clubs I have attended for the welcome I have been shown and also the members of Wimborne & Ferndown Club who, if Debbie has not been able to come with me, have almost always accompanied me on my travels around the district.

DISTRICT ALMONER - CONVENTION 2016 REPORT – PDG Lion Ron Twining

At the start of the Lionistic Year, I sent out the usual letter introducing myself and asking for details of those passing to higher service along with funeral details, also details of special occasions such as special birthdays, special wedding anniversaries, and of course any one taken ill with a very serious illness, along with details of where to send condolence, congratulation and get well cards etc. A lot of these details have not been very forthcoming and have made the job somewhat difficult, to say the least.

The Title of Almoner is not given to a person who only deals with deaths but someone who is there to help and deal with other more happy occasions as well, but it seems Lions think it is only to deal with sympathy in death. I have to say that I am not encouraged to report on ex Lions no matter how long it has been since they left the organization, even when they may have served for very many years before leaving for whatever reason. It makes me sad that a Lion who may have served for say 40 years and has to resign due to health, is no longer remembered.

The District Remembrance Book is of course the permanent way the Lions who pass to higher service are remembered.

Thank you District Governor Alan for allowing me to be your District Almoner for the past year.

So let us also remember those ex-lions, who during their life gave of their time and who have now also passed to higher service.

DISTRICT ADMIN TEAM - CONVENTION 2016 REPORTS

From District Secretary – PDG Lion Godwin Micallef

As usual, 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.

A one year History of mailings is available on our District website at

<http://www.lions105d.org.uk/index/secretary.html>

This information is available to any Lion member, as well as the Public who access our website.

These mailings are regularly posted on the 25th of a month, and are available regardless of whether you receive a notification email from me, or not. I mention this, as there have been occasions where notification emails have gone astray or I have ended up in someone's Junk/Spam folder!! ☺

The District Directory is also available on our District website. This Directory information is restricted, and is only accessible by authorised Club and District Officers.

Please note that the MyLCI website should be kept up to date, with any changes to member's details and/or meeting places/dates etc. Unfortunately, there is no mechanism to provide me with such changes, therefore please make me aware of any changes relating to the Club President, Secretary, Treasurer or to meeting dates/locations. I will then update the online Directory.

The other important factor is that MDHQ also use the MyLCI database, to create the MD Directory and also to post the Lion magazine. Therefore, it is important that all the information is kept up to date.

Convention Books are a summary of our year, in preparation for our Annual General Meeting/Convention. Some information, such as Nominations & Resolutions, will have already been provided to Clubs, by end of January.

However, the full Convention Book, including Cabinet Officer Reports etc. are on our District website, <http://www.lions105d.org.uk/about/convention.html> and is accessible by anyone.

It is assumed that any new Club Secretary receives some training from their predecessor, which includes gaining access to MyLCI and some familiarisation of the monthly reporting tasks.

In addition to this, a familiarisation/training session is provided by the District and I would encourage Secretaries to attend. Failing that, please liaise with me, prior to the start of your year, for some guidance.

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

From District Treasurer - Lion Linda Picton

Once again my thanks go to Messrs Gilroy and Brookes for carrying out the independent inspection of the 2014-2015 Administration and Charitable Trust Accounts and for making our reporting deadlines achievable. No issues were reported by the Accountants. The final signed documents can be viewed on the 105D website financial information page. The link has also been circulated by the District Secretary.

Convention 2015 was a successful event. Number of attendees exceeded expectations which made it possible for surplus funds to be transferred into reserves.

Many District Officers do not fully claim items of expenditure allowable under the current guidelines. Restructuring (downsizing) of 105D Cabinet further contributed to administrative savings, increasing the reserve funds once again. Please can I encourage all club members to read the annual report and accounts and to let me know, in advance of Convention, if there are any areas for which I can offer any further detail. The aim is to be concise with the business on the day.

Expenditure on the Administration Account as at 31st December 2015 appears on target and can be found in the relevant column on the Proposed Budget Plan 2016-2017 which recommends dues for District 105D to remain at £11 per member. This budget is based on a membership of 1230, which was a realistic membership figure at the time of planning the budget. The plan as reviewed by Finance Committee and endorsed by Cabinet in October 2015 is now recommended to Convention 2016. Please note there are additional Resolutions relating to collection of dues.

All clubs are also encouraged to review their income and expenditure plans for the year and to ensure that dues are set to adequately cover annual membership fees and other administrative costs associated with the club.

Clubs with Charitable Trusts are also reminded of the importance of Charity Commission compliance issues relating to reporting of finances and details of Trustees. It was good to be able to meet many club members during the briefing sessions for Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The initial information questionnaires are being returned, but the process has highlighted areas that will require additional attention in advance of applications being formalised. For this reason the MD roll out timetable has been reviewed to allow for the additional time needed.

Thank you to all club treasurers for ensuring that payments continue to be made on time. Your cooperation is much appreciated. Thank you also for so generously supporting the emergency appeals and Lions projects during the year. Details of charity donations YTD are updated at the end of each calendar month, and can be viewed on the 105D website. A composite list of recognised Lions Charities has been sent to all Clubs by Chairman of Council Simon Moss, with an alternative option to make donations direct to MD105. It is still the recommendation that donations be made via District Treasurer. Keep it simple - for all payments – cheques to District Treasurer – payee - 'LCI District 105D' please.

The Finance Committee has met regularly during the year and I am grateful for the support offered. My thanks also go to the District Governor for once again offering me this opportunity to serve as District Treasurer.

CHAIR OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE - CONVENTION 2016 REPORT – PDG Lion David Merchant

For 2015-16 the Finance Committee has consisted of PDG David Merchant (Chair), District Treasurer Linda Picton, District Secretary PDG Godwin Micallef, 1st VDG David Taylor and 2nd VDG Peter Burnett.

The Committee has met three times since our last Convention – 2 were face to face meetings and 1 was a Conference Call and will meet twice more before this year's Convention – both of these will be via Conference Calls.

The Committee continues to monitor the District finances and to offer financial advice to the District Governor and Cabinet as and when necessary. We prepare and monitor the annual budget and the preparation of a budget for the fiscal year 2016-7 was the major item at our October Meeting. We have agreed a proposed budget for District Convention 2017 in Bournemouth which will require approval from Convention 2016.

We are always conscious of the need to keep a tight rein on the District finances whilst allowing each District Officer the opportunity to operate effectively without feeling financially constrained. It is pleasing, therefore, to report we are recommending dues remain the same for next year and we are also recommending a 'one off' credit of £5.50 per member for the coming fiscal year.

I am pleased to report the accounts for 2014-15 have been inspected by our auditors and found to be accurate and a true record of the year. We are indebted to Gilroy and Brookes for their continued support of the District and for the way they deal with our accounts.

It is gratifying to report again a surplus on the social aspect of District Convention 2015. Both the District Handover and the District Service for 2014-15 were successfully held without the need for financial support from District – a situation which must be maintained.

During the year District Treasurer Linda prepared and presented 6 briefing sessions on Charitable Incorporated Organisation and this has helped Clubs gain a better understanding of what is required and how they might benefit from such a status. We expect a number of Clubs within the District to seek Charitable Incorporated Organisation in 2016.

I am most grateful to all of the Finance Committee for their time and commitment during the year but none of our financial success would be possible without the dedication and hard work undertaken by our District Treasurer, Linda Picton, and Convention needs to recognise her total commitment to overseeing the District finances in such an efficient manner.

Resolution No 1

Proposed by District Cabinet

This Convention resolves that:

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

Explanatory note:

Article IV Section 4 (a) of District 105D Constitution (as adopted March 1984 – with amendments to March 2015) 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 person to be appointed (or re-appointed as the case may be) by resolution at Convention each Year."

This Resolution requires a simple majority

Resolution No 2

Proposed by District Cabinet

This Convention resolves that:

"The District Per Capita Levy for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 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 2016 based upon the known membership as at 30 June 2016 and £5.50 per Lion by 1 February 2017 based upon the known membership as at 31 December 2016"

Explanatory note:

Article IV Section 1 of District 105D Constitution (as adopted March 1984 – with amendments to March 2015) 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) (i) Payment of District Dues will not be collected for members shown as dropped by the Association's Official Records within 30 days of the commencement of the billing period (30th June or 31st December, as appropriate). In the event that the Club has already paid the District dues for that half year, the Club shall be reimbursed.

(ii) Billing for District Dues for a new member will begin the first day of the month in which the member joins, as shown by the records of the Association and the Club will be liable for payment of the District Dues on a pro-rata basis at the average monthly rate, based on the agreed annual District Dues, through to the end of the billing period. These Dues shall be collected by the District Treasurer at the commencement of the next billing period (30th June or 31st December, as appropriate)

(iii) Payment of Multiple District Dues shall be as laid down by the Multiple District Constitution

(d) The District Treasurer shall be empowered to levy a supplementary charge, not exceeding Ten Pounds (£10.00), on any Per Capita Levy not settled in full by the due date.

This Resolution requires a simple majority.

Resolution No 3

Proposed by District Cabinet

This Convention resolves that:

"For the Lionistic year 2016/17 all Clubs will receive a 'one off' credit of £5.50 per member, based on each Club's reported membership as of 30th June 2015.

NB. This is a credit per member and not a reduction in dues payable."

Explanatory note:

Over the past 4 years a surplus has been accumulated within the Administration Account for District 105D and as this is monies contributed by members, District is proposing to reimburse the membership.

This Resolution requires a simple majority.

REGION CHAIRMEN - CONVENTION 2016 REPORTS

Region 1 Chairman - [Lion Michael Zeck](#)

On the 12th of August 2015 I attended the first zone 1B meeting hosted by Poole Lions at the Hamworthy Club. Attendance was very good, all clubs were represented. It was a productive meeting. All clubs are active and aware of the need to find new members. Especially Southbourne and Boscombe Lions who had membership problems for some time are still keeping on –with the help of Lion Debbie Burnett as guiding Lion- and although they sadly lost one member (Lion Arthur Park passed away recently), they badged a new member up already and have 2 other possible members in the pipeline. Furthermore they are planning a membership drive early this year. The second zone meeting was planned for November 2015, but had to be cancelled due to ill health of the zone chairman.

On the 14th of October I visited the first zone 1A meeting in Dorchester. All clubs were present and it was also a productive meeting. All clubs in the zone are active and try to get new members.

With the kind help of Blandford Lions (namely Lion Tony Ives) I organized a Charitable Incorporated Organisation information evening for our region on the 21st of October in Blandford. Attendance was very good and District Treasurer Linda Picton did a splendid job to host the evening and to give all clubs actionable information about the new legislation.

Overall the clubs in Region 1 are in reasonable health and all clubs remain active and serve their communities.

From Zone Chairman 1A - [Lion Peter Oswick](#)

At the end of the first six months of this Lion year there are 77 members across the four Clubs, which is three down for the period.

Dorchester and Weymouth and Portland clubs are expecting to badge new members.

However, unfortunately Blackmore Vale have lost a number of members for a mix of reasons. This is currently being addressed by them.

All Clubs are aware of the need for new younger members and are making special efforts.

Efforts are still being made to raise the Lions profile in the Sherborne and Wincanton areas, Blackmore Vale visited both areas with their Xmas float with great success.

The Zone marketing display at the Dorset Show in September helped to raise the profile of Lions. The Zone will again have this display at the 2016 show which is in September.

All Clubs continue to work exceptionally hard in the community raising substantial funds for their Charity work.

The spirit is there but the flesh is weak !! therefore all Clubs have become very reliant on both "Friends of Lions" and other Clubs to enable them to run their larger events.

A zone lunch will be held in the Spring also the annual inter Club skittles match.

With support from the Zone Clubs a cheque for £2000 was presented to Gully's Place to help with the establishment of a bereavement area in the Dorchester hospital adjacent to the children's ward.

The 2016 zone project will be agreed at the next Zone meeting.

From Zone Chairman 1B - [Lion Pam White](#)

Mid year zone review of Clubs 2015/16:

Membership: generally we continue to maintain a membership level across the zone. Regrettably we have lost through death or sickness a few members, we have also received transferred members from other parts of the country, and successfully brought new members into the Lions organisation.

Whilst visiting 6 of the seven Clubs across the zone, it was most encouraging to see how Clubs had engaged their new members in taking responsibility for key Club roles. They shared that this process of bringing new ideas and ways of working into the Clubs, ensures new members engagement with support of experienced members, and helps to develop their Clubs.

The process of one off "membership drives" are not the chosen routes of most Clubs who are successfully increasing their membership, instead supporters and friends are encouraged and invited to "help out", this demonstrates what we do as Lions and builds good working relationships, which often can (when the time is right) develop into new members. Across the zone membership growth is a priority, particularly seeking new members who can be active in the working of the Club.

The zone meeting which took place in August 2015, was very well attended. The combination of general club updates, a guest speaker from District and a fun social activity proved to be a good way to get all members talking and sharing ideas whilst socialising.

Jan- June 2016 zone plans:

Feb. 2016	May.2016	March/ April, June
Zone Meeting - TBA.	Zone Meeting - TBA.	Zone Chair Club visits - TBA.
Follow-up of Dementia awareness projects across zone.		Objective to encourage conference attendance and support of Club Charters and/ or key Club events.

Details of Club membership etc. are included in the My LCIF reports.

District:The recent restructuring objectives did not engage many of the Club members in zone, - few appeared interested in the hierarchy of the organisation, although, members were keen to see improved efficiency and savings of monies and reduction of the running expenses as sensible options. One of their concerns are for the name and work of Lions to be promoted at local, national and international levels, (like other large Charities). Could District and Multi-District identify initiatives to help with major fund raising promotions and advertise how we make a difference!

Region 2 Chairman - [Lion Ken Staniforth](#)

In many ways, the first half of the year has been very challenging but out of those challenges there have been beacons of hope throughout the Region. Zone Chairs have been very active and supportive to Clubs.

Overall, the Region has lost 15 Members but gained 20 with more to be inducted in the January meeting which at least gives hope to the District that we will achieve our goal of being out of transition, being a strong District and giving more Service to our communities.

Among the 'positives' there is great news from Romsey who appear to be fighting the odds after a two evening recruitment drive, pulling back from the precipice and looking to induct 4 Members in January, literally doubling their Membership. A real case of committed Members with tenacity, drive and passion for their Club, not to let it die. That, especially combined with the tremendous efforts of the rest of the Clubs, gives me a sense of pride to be the Region Chair.

Obviously the cloud of re-districting has caused a lot of debate as to the way the 'proposals' were rushed out and appeared to be steamrolling through without ample consultation and democratic debate.

Leading into the second half of the year, there is a lot of optimism and drive with Clubs looking at developing more with the youth in our Region and the possibility of the formation of one or two Leo's Clubs on the horizon.

Having spent time at the Zone meetings and a few Club visits, it is apparent that the Region is very active, having fun and looking forward with positivity to giving the Service to their communities that they have for generations. I also believe that 2016 will see more Clubs working together in a lot of ways which can only be good for the Clubs, good for the Members and good for our District.

From Zone Chairman 2C - [Lion Deborah Clarke](#)

By the time convention arrives I will have made my visits to all my Zone clubs. Each club is different, which is a good thing as we are all individual Lions but have a common theme. All continue to be hardworking clubs, serving their communities in whatever way is required: from taking a group of senior citizens on an outing to encouraging Young Leaders in Service, to of course taking their Santa around at Christmas and continuing to recognise International causes that need their help.

As a zone we not only help each other with different activities, but we also socialise together as well.

All my zone clubs have been actively seeking new members, but remembering to look after those they already have. Westbury have also started a Leo club which at present has a membership of over 30, which is very encouraging.

As would be expected the issue of re-districting has caused many debates at zone meetings. The general consensus was that it must be right for all clubs involved and MD must listen to clubs opinions and feelings put forward by their representatives.

However whatever the outcome, Lions clubs members will continue to do what they do well and what they joined Lions for: to help others.

From Zone Chairman 2D - [Lion Devan Kandiah](#)

The first Zone/ Social meeting held in September at Eastleigh was well attended. Region Chair Ken attended and gave helpful input to our debate.

Romsey club has had a two evening membership event that had a very positive outcome and should bear fruit in January.

Salisbury club have inducted 2 ex-Leo's from Grenada who have been resident in the Bulford/Durrington area for over 5 years and will be valuable in promoting the possibility of a Leo's Club.

Eastleigh continues to grow steadily. Guernsey and Jersey are very strong and successfully raising and distributing a great deal of money to their communities.

All clubs continue to actively promote membership growth in a positive way.

From Zone Chairman 2E - [Lion Jenny Bithell](#)

Zone meetings have been well attended by all clubs in the zone, with plenty of input from those attending. It has been good to note progress in clubs working together, and this is something that we hope to continue into the Centenary year. Recruitment continues to be difficult, but there has been some success in the zone with Hythe & Waterside increasing from 8 to 12 members, making it much more workable. However other losses mean that there is little change in the zone total.

All the clubs cover many aspects of Lions work with Youth Exchange, Young Leaders in Service, Peace Poster, Message in a Bottle, and spectacle recycling, in addition to several clubs this year taking on the Dementia Awareness initiative. With the increase in membership Hythe are now able to take on work with the primary schools in the area and also are looking to start Young Leaders in Service for the first time.

This zone has a strong group of clubs, but all are conscious of the problems with the age of members and are looking at ways of including younger people in ways other than that of branch clubs. This is something that we will continue looking into during the next year.

Region 3 Chairman – [PDG Lion Derek Knight](#)

There have been no significant changes in the region during the year. All clubs state they are putting effort into obtaining new members. Only Hayling Island appears to be heading for more than one. They have a target of 6 before the end of June. Civic leaders in both Denmead and Stakes state that they would welcome a Lions Club but we have as yet found no leadership to create a new club. The best opportunity long term is Stakes

From Zone 3F Chairman - [Lion David Sanders](#)

At the end of the first six months there are 55 members across the five clubs in the Zone: CROFTON = 15 (Net Gain 1); FAREHAM = 8 (No Change); GOSPORT & LEE ON SOLENT = 13 (Net Gain 1); SOUTHAMPTON SOLENT = 7 (No Change); and SWANWICK = 12 (Net Gain 1).

I have visited two clubs and several community and social events, and held one Zone meeting so far. I hope to visit Southampton Solent next to see if extra support can be offered to them. All the clubs are active but membership is low across the Zone.

Efforts are being made to raise the Lions profile, help clubs to increase numbers and persuade clubs to work together and help each other. Several clubs attempted to recruit new members during their Christmas activities and collections and I hope that will lead to some increase in membership in 2016.

The annual zone project will be considered at the next Zone Meeting and may be to sponsor the local Autistic Spectrum Support Group to send some of their kids (*with carers*) to the District 105D Paultons Park "*Day out with the Lions*".

Lions in the Zone are working hard to serve their communities with welfare activities and regular fund raising events and they have adjusted their activities to match their capabilities (*specifically their low numbers*) so that what they do, they do well. That is assisted by a much larger number of friends, ex members and helpers who assist at events. All Clubs are aware that finding some new members is important to their survival as the age profile of their membership suggest that numbers must slowly fall unless some new (*and preferably younger*) members are recruited. In addition, as Lions get older, it becomes more difficult to recruit younger members and get work done to support events. Two more zone meetings are planned and clubs are being encouraged to communicate and exchange ideas. Zone 3F continues to serve the community well.

From Zone 3G Chairman - [Lion Ann Twining](#)

Since I became Zone Chairman, I have visited all five clubs within the Zone, attending the business meetings of each club, this I did in the first half of my year.
I also attended Newport and Cowes Christmas Party, along with my husband PDG Lion Ron.

Zone meetings have been held in August, November and January, with 2 further Zone meetings planned for March and June, this will mean that each of the five Island clubs will have hosted a Zone meeting. I also arranged for a special training evening to be held to enable the District Treasurer to explain the new charity laws, this was well attended by all five of the Island clubs. I also hope that before the end of the fiscal year to have held a Zone Social Event.

One of my biggest difficulties has been trying to arrange for District Officers to attend Zone meetings to speak on their specialist subjects. However I would like to thank those who have attended.

I would also like to thank my husband for his support throughout the year, especially for being my computer slave.

From Zone 3H Chairman - [Lion Marilyn Skennerton](#)

It has been accepted for many years now that Zone 3H is one of the weakest zones in our District. I have tried a few different ways to encourage club members to attend meetings but to no avail. Each of the clubs in our Zone has a District Officer and I wonder if this is one of the reasons. Information is automatically passed both ways and so the need for a zone meeting becomes unnecessary.

The areas that the 4 clubs cover is vastly different as are the members. Portsmouth is an inner city club covering a vast area which is impossible to serve by one club. Cosham is in an area of great depravity having one of the poorest housing estates in the area. Havant is a successful all male club whose members are mostly middle management and comfortably off. They find it fairly easy to find like members. Their area covers probably one of the poorest in the Borough Council District and also one of the most affluent and Hayling being an Island is very parochial with a steady growth of membership. Lions are well known on the Island. This is probably due to the Community Shop that is run by the members and volunteers and the fact that there is a good rapport with the local Hayling Islander producing articles every month.

Work is being done to try and encourage at least one new club in the north of the Regional to replace Waterlooville Lions Club which unfortunately folded a few years ago.

I have no magic wand to wave and change the tide and I find the situation frustrating and depressing that I have no answers.

From Region 4 Chairman - [Lion Geoff Foan](#)

Looking back over the past year the region has been reasonably stable, with a small decrease in numbers since June last year. Although several of the clubs have tried to recruit new members, the results have been mixed, although Loddon Valley's recruitment drive resulted in three new members and a number of individuals who have agreed to join a group of "Friends of the Lions". These individuals have helped by supporting the club at a couple of events. It is intended to maintain contact with this group and to hope that some will eventually become members. In the longer term it is noted that some clubs in other regions have been successful in running recruitment drives, and it would be opportune to share this good practice among all the District Clubs.

All clubs in the region are active, but it is noted that those clubs with lower membership numbers like Farnborough and Andover have to work hard to maintain their service to the public. The two Fleet Branch Clubs are active and maintain their numbers at around ten; one future objective should be to look at the potential for Aldershot to achieve full Club status. Sirius is composed of younger members, and it is hoped it will be able to grow in the future now that it is well established.

A major debating point of late has been the redistricting proposals emanating from Multi District. There are a number of views within the Region, but the major agreement is that the timescale for redistricting should be extended to ensure that all potential outcomes are fully debated. This should ensure that the final decision is fully supported by all members of MD105.

From Zone 4I Chairman - [Lion Roy Cuthbertson](#)

Focus for the zone has continued in the sharing of information and experience, zone level projects and more recently on working together to address the need for changes to our organization.

Membership: Although there has been a slight reduction in the last period, Clubs membership in general remains healthy with over 20 members in all four clubs in the zone. The initiative by Alton, to start a club branch in Four Marks continues.

Winter Fuel Payment: For a second year all four clubs in the zone are participating in the project to collect Winter Fuel Payments and distribute to those in fuel poverty via local agencies.

Trees for Communities: This project initiated by Woolmer Forest and progressed at a District level has now been fully funded and implemented in conjunction with the International Tree Foundation.

Marketing/PR: Clubs in the Zone continue to share ideas for promotion of their Clubs in the local area. However, there is a general view that there is little evidence of effective marketing or PR at either District or MD. It was agreed that this is an area where improved regional and national initiatives to promote the Lion brand could help clubs in both recruiting and providing service to our communities

Governance & Cost Change Proposals: The Meon Valley initiative which was adopted & progressed by the zone, led to the Open Forum held in Alton in June and further extended via the District Survey in September. This continues to be a key focus and some changes are being progressed through resolutions submitted to the 2016 District & MD conventions. Many of the areas of concern were reinforced by the results of the District Survey. There is concern however that as of now there does not appear to be any action plan at District level to address these issues.

Redistricting & Governance: Concern is expressed that the proposals from MD for redistricting, governance changes and cost reduction are inadequate to meet the needs of lionism in the UK in the 21st Century. We are missing the opportunity to make the radical changes necessary to support the clubs and membership to grow our organization and enhance our service to our communities.

From Zone 4J Chairman - [Lion Dalton Hopkins](#)

The zone clubs are all active and membership has generally held up well over the past year. The zone meetings are generally well attended by all clubs, but a move to put together a zone project last year failed to materialize. This year the clubs have agreed to progress a prostate cancer screening initiative and representatives of the clubs are looking into the best way of providing this. Club visits were completed last year with two visits to each of the zone clubs. Three club visits have been completed this Lionistic year.

Membership has continued to be generally steady with Basingstoke and Newbury maintain 20 members despite some losses. Loddon Valley have managed to increase their membership to 38 following a membership drive at their Treacle Fair. This has resulted in the formation of a group of about 20 people who have become part of the "LV Friends of Lions". The intention is that this group will be kept informed of club activity and will be involved in club projects. The hope is this may lead to further members in the future.

Andover remain the smallest of the zone clubs with 10 members. However, they are still an active club and run a number of unusual fund raising events such as the Pink Pig and Giraffe Sprint night.

At the last zone meeting in December there was a robust discussion on the re-districting proposals that were put forward by Council of Governors.

From Region 5 Chairman - [Lion Steve Pope](#)

Bracknell, Burnham, Henley, Maidenhead, Reading, Wokingham, Woodley and Earley, Windsor are in good health.

Woodley and Earley Firework Night was a great success. The Windsor Horse Show goes from strength to strength. The Reading club's Fireworks evening went well. Clubs within our Region are very willing to assist one another's activities to ensure events take place.

Bracknell Forest continues to work to increase membership. The **Bracknell Show** was held on Saturday 13th June 2015. This was the first Bracknell show for 18 years! It was a great success with many local clubs taking part. It will take place again on Saturday 23rd July 2016.

Wokingham Club held a Charity Ball in the summer of 2015. It was very well attended and made an impressive contribution to their funds.

Joint Zone/ Regional meeting have been well supported. The redistricting proposal was fully debated and our collective opinion has been to support the District Governor and Cabinet response. We included a social element to our first Zone Meeting which has been well received.

We completed our Charity Commission seminar with all clubs represented.

Region 5 is fortunate that it is made up of strong clubs and clubs with ambitions to increase membership.

However Slough continues to be of concern, but with the help of the Zone Chairman and others in the District it will hopefully find new members

From Zone 5L Chairman - [Lion Brigid Hendy](#)

Held two Regional meetings so far on in September with a quiz which was enjoyed by all and one in November, and there is another Regional meeting planned for February. The regional meeting in November, to which all Lions were invited as PDG Mike Hendy and myself were giving a presentation on the subject of redistricting. DG Alan had put a memo out to all clubs with certain questions re the redistricting and the restructure of MDHQ, 8 out of the 9 clubs in the Region were represented. The majority view from the member's present was that the restructure of MDHQ was agreed as being the first step of the plan. The majority agreed that this part of the plan needed to go ahead and once the changes were made then the effect of the changes and the costs savings would then be evaluated. The second part of the plan; the redistricting needed more open discussion for all Lion members to have an opportunity to understand the proposals and have sufficient time for Lion members to discuss these proposals at club level and then give constructive feedback.

Henley on Thames Their membership stands at 27.

Two of the Lions members have successfully negotiated the use of an alternative swimming pool for their Swimathon as the pool that used previously has closed. So well done to those Lions members as we all know how much of a community event a swimathon is. Henley on Thames is an active and thriving club and is well known and supported by members in their community.

Maidenhead Club - Their club membership stands at 42.

Maidenhead held a membership drive in the centre of Maidenhead and some of the members of the public showed interest. Well done to Maidenhead for organising the event and for holding a membership drive and going out and selling Lions to the general public. Another initiative carried out by the club was an open discussion on membership and taking office with the club. The result was that most members are happy to help, but not to lead either fundraising activities or club officer's roles within the club. Maidenhead through their "Way Ahead" committee, are concentrating their future membership drives and initiatives, on members who wish to chair activities and also hold office within the club. Other interested members will be asked to become friends of Lions. Maidenhead is an active and thriving club.

Slough Club. Their membership stands at 8, with 4 active members.

A meeting is planned at the end of January specifically to discuss and plan the membership drive (this has been delayed due to the illness of one of the active members), which will be in March/April time once the weather is better. I have had discussions with the president and secretary and one other member of the club and all are in agreement that the club needs to plan and carry out a membership drive to recruit as many members as possible in order for the club to remain a viable Lions club. The membership drive will be supported by the Regional Chairman and hopefully other Lions members from the region. The members of Slough club though small remain active members of their community.

Windsor Club: Membership stands at 29, active members 25.

A membership campaign has been started to incorporate the following: -

A database relating to all local businesses with 5+ employees within a radius of 5 miles of the centre of Windsor is now purchased, providing a total of 2440 contacts, with 1850 also having email address. This is to be used to find sponsors and new members.

A brochure on the Windsor Lions (A3 folded) giving four pages of content has been designed and will print 500 to start.

A CRM system (Customer Relationship Manager) is being tested at the moment. The product is called ZoHo and is cloud based, requires no development for our use, and will cost (up to 10 users), £125 per year. This will be used to provide regular mailings and contact for our various events as well as sending out a twice yearly newsletter.

It is planned to hold an open day in the New Year as well as giving out leaflets over the weekends in Windsor town centre.

Windsor is and active and thriving club.

Burnham Club: Membership stands at 15, with 12 active members.

The club are always looking at new ways to attract members in to the club. Burnham had the most successful Christmas Fayre. This is a true community event and Burnham club this year have forged partnerships with Burnham Park Hall and two new choirs from school in Burnham who sang on the green this year. It was received very well by the general public and the event was enjoyed by all. Burnham is an active club contributing to their local community. Burnham club will host a Wellbeing Event May 2016, in partnership with Burnham Health Promotion, Bucks Vision and Burnham Park Hall.

Events

There were members from all clubs at Charities Commission seminar on the 4th of November, Lion Steve Spencer also gave a presentation at the Regional meeting in November and this was very well received. His notes are to be circulated with the minutes of the regional meeting.

From Zone 5M Chairman - [Lion Tim Hanton](#)

We have held two joint Zone meetings with Zone L so far this year. The plan is for our zone meetings to have a social element to them. At the first meeting in September after an hour of business, we then had a quiz which was very well received. At the November meeting, the main topic of business was that of the restructure of MDHQ and of the redistricting. The majority of those present understood the reason for both of these but felt that they were being rushed with the lack of time to review the various options being put forward. Our next joint Zone meeting will be a meal meeting in February which will be limited to urgent business only and will again include a social element to help the Clubs mix more.

The joint Zones arranged a Charities Commission seminar on 4th November with Linda Picton. All of the Clubs were represented and it was an excellent session. Steve Spencer then followed up on this presentation at the meeting in November. A number of Clubs are in the process of making their CIO applications.

Bracknell. Membership is 16.

Two members have recently resigned from the Club - due to work commitments and the other a move to France. They are looking at increased membership activities for the New Year. Following the success of their first Bracknell show in the summer, they are looking to hold a further show in this summer. They have carried out a couple of successful events over the Christmas at Tesco and Waitrose stores to raise money for the LCIF Refugee Appeal.

Reading. Membership is 37.

Membership has increased by 3 over the last few months. The Club is very active in the community and socially. They held a Charity Golf Day in September, a fireworks evening on 31st October and a sold out "tribute Night" in partnership with the Reading Cancer Research UK. They also have a refurbished catering caravan which they have used at other Lions Club's event. The Club is also very active socially and celebrated their 50th Charter Celebrations last June.

Wokingham. Membership is 33.

Two members have stepped down temporarily due to work pressures. The Club continues to be very active in a number of Fundraising activities including holding a Charity Ball, running a beer festival in August and a very successful Firework display with a consortium of five Service Clubs. The Club has also been very active in the local community supporting various charities and local groups. The Club also has an active social programme, aiming to put on at least one social event per month.

Woodley & Earley. Membership is 24.

Recently fireworks evening they made £11,000. They had a very active Christmas programme with their float. They are looking to set up a Swim Marathon for 2016. The Club also has an active Social programme. In the New Year they are looking to hold a membership campaign.

COMMITTEES - CONVENTION 2016 REPORTS

DISTRICT CLUB DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

GMT Co-ordinator - [Lion Pauline McCreanor](#)

Since last years convention the team have continued working within the district to help gain new members, retain our existing members and to try and form new clubs and club branches, it is with regret that I have to report that we have lost a club, but we do have plans for a new forces club within the District and possibly a club branch, we also have plans in place for a another new club but finding leaders to take this initiative forward seems to be a problem. We also have clubs that have worked very hard on membership and held successful membership drives and information evenings.

At the time of writing this report our membership stands at 1232 we have inducted 66 new members but we have dropped 61 with 6 of those passing to higher service, which highlights that we are recruiting members but we are struggling to retain them.

I continue to work closely as a team with the GLT Co-ordinator holding regular meetings, some face to face and some through conference calling so as to be aware of positive as well as negative Leadership and Membership issues within the district, from these, we can offer help to those who need and request it, and this feedback also enables us to share clubs successes throughout the district.

I attended a weekend membership and Leadership summit in Birmingham organised by the Multiple District, this enabled Membership and Leadership Officers to exchange ideas and best practice.

I with the GLT Co-Ordinator and 2nd VDG peter Burnett have attended a meeting with 1st VDG Lion David Taylor to discuss plans for the next fiscal year.

GLT Co-Ordinator – [PDG Lion David Merchant](#)

Since our last District Convention the following leadership/'training' opportunities have been held:

- (i) The Incoming Officers Seminar last April was well attended and both Club and District Officers were prepared for the year ahead. Plans are now well advanced for this year's Seminar to be held on 17th April at the Holiday Inn in Eastleigh.
- (ii) District Treasurer Linda Picton prepared and presented 6 briefings on Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and these have raised the awareness of Clubs and their Officers to this particular facility and hopefully we will see Clubs applying in 2016.
- (iii) I ran a Mentoring Awareness session in October which was not well attended despite the publicity for it – this is an aspect of our organisation members should take seriously but is one which is often ignored.

I have attended both the one day seminar and the weekend summit organised by the Multiple District for both Leadership and Membership Coordinators. Both events provided excellent opportunities for sharing good practice and receiving up to date information from the various Multiple District Officers present.

I continue to work closely with the Membership Coordinator and we hold regular meetings with the Leadership and Membership Teams including both face to face and through Conference Calls. These meetings allow us to keep abreast of developments on both of these topics across the District and for us to feed relevant information to Clubs via the Region and Zone Chairs.

It is pleasing to report that 1st VDG David Taylor held a meeting with the Leadership and Membership Coordinators, along with 2nd VDG Peter Burnett, to discuss his plans for both leadership and membership for the next fiscal year and with Peter in attendance, a hope for succession planning.

I will be arranging for both Cabinet and Lions throughout the District to receive presentations on Managing Change should the proposed plans for redistricting go ahead.

It is disappointing that not a single Club or an individual Lion has sought support/advice/'training' on any aspect of leadership for their Club or on a personal basis and yet Clubs continue to struggle to find and prepare future leaders.

Marketing & PR Co-ordinator - Lion Richard Keeley

Fairly regular contacts have been received from clubs asking for advice on subjects such as photography, website updates and press releases enabling me to respond with help and advice.

I have given direct photographic support to Clubs local to me as well as the Zone Funfest and the District Poultons Park event resulting in good local press coverage and successful online articles.

The District PR Equipment Pool continues to be well used. However many difficulties have been encountered tracing items moved between clubs without these moves being recorded through the booking system. This is particularly disappointing as this is now the 3rd Convention where this issue has been reported.

Work to resolve this problem is ongoing with an online database booking system being developed with the District Webmaster. I have not been able to take this forward as quickly as I would have liked due to family illness and bereavement. At the time of writing (early January) the database booking system is nearing completion. Once activated the new booking system will centralise PR Equipment pool in Bulford near Salisbury under the care of Ken Staniforth.

In October I attended the MD PR Team Meeting with Peter Tabb, Editor of the 105D Times to discuss the new MD PR Strategy to move clubs forward to help themselves in public relations, social media and websites. The PR Team launched the 'Online Toolkit for Clubs' with area online to 'Submit Ideas for testing', an 'Online Forum', a 'Public Events Section organised by Clubs' and 'How to find your nearest Lions Club'.

Details of the new online facility were publicised in the November District Mailing resulting in 105D being the first District to have an idea from club level submitted into 'Ideas Laboratory' for testing by clubs.

Also included in District Mailing was an invitation for clubs to submit newsworthy articles and pictures of Christmas activities for inclusion in the 105D website news and Facebook pages. Details of the MD Photographic Competition were also distributed inviting clubs to enter.

Due to family difficulties at the beginning of the Lionistic year I was unable to circulate Club PRO's to ask about their PR training needs. I will be circulating a request to Club PRO's to assess PR Training requirements by Region in early 2016 and then arranging regional training workshops according to need.

COMMUNICATIONS PORTFOLIO - Lion Tom Sayers

Communications Portfolio Coordinator– Lion Tom Sayers

Work is continuing to further improve the information available to Cabinet Officers and clubs. Whilst most of us just see the website as public pages, the real power of this resource for the District is in the data that can be accessed once logged-in. The District Directory is a good example but various documents and forms can be stored on the server (web computer) such as Cabinet Minutes and Accounts. These are already available.

Content is King! A number of Cabinet Officers now contribute to the website ensuring that their area of responsibility is always up to date. These include District Competitions Officer, District Treasurer and District PRO among others. If you are not confident in updating the website, I am always available for some one-to-one training.

Social Media such as Facebook and Twitter are being used more and more by clubs and District to help spread awareness of Lions projects. Have you entered your club Social Media pages to the District competition?

This year's Convention website is simply <http://2016.lions105d.org.uk> and reflects the Convention theme for the year, "Motoring into Winchester" and gives comprehensive information for the programme, workshops and organising team. Files that need sharing between the organisers can be saved in a secure location.

This year's Convention on-line booking form is much like previous years, with just one page to complete but also includes house wine choices to help save queuing. It is the basis of the booking system that is being used for Cabinet lunches etc. This system produces lists for the organisers including food choices and also produces tickets, place cards and name badges. Communication and sharing is built-in enabling all of the organisers to track the bookings and send messages to participants.

The District 105D Times newsletters are uploaded to the website each month and appear on a 'Lions year' page with thumbnail images of each month. The latest issue is featured on the Home page with a thumbnail image and link to the full colour version and another link to a reduced colour version for printing without backgrounds to save your ink!

The Clubs page of the website is a database of club information such as the names of the officers, meeting dates/venues and links to the club website/contacts together with Zone and Region data. Club secretaries may log-in and update 'their page' to add/edit details of meetings and venues etc. We have a great resource in our website and I urge you all to get involved in using it, promoting it and improving it.

Another great resource that we have is group email. This is maintained by the District Secretary, Godwin and myself and enables Cabinet Officers to send an email to a group or committee without having to know the constituents individual addresses. Unfortunately some group email addresses found their way onto spam lists so we have made those addresses accessible by specific Cabinet Officers only.

Tom Sayers – it@lions105d.org.uk

Insurance& Risk Assessment Adviser – [Lion Jo Hamblin](#)

I continue to use the District Mailing to issue insurance guidance notes to Club Presidents throughout the year. These notes are uploaded onto the District website www.lions105d.org.uk/insurance and occasionally included in the District Newsletter.

I have added updated links on the insurance webpage to the Multiple District website together with that of our Insurance Brokers, Miles Smith.

The potential changes to the charitable status of Lions Clubs to that of CIO has highlighted a need to provide guidance to Clubs on how any such change might impact on individual Lions personal liability and to what level that personal liability is indemnified by the Lions insurance programme. I have made representation that such guidance should come direct from MD and I am waiting a response so that I can issue a District Mailing on the subject.

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

I continue to update Clubs on Health & Safety matters using the District Mailing, the District website www.lions105d.org.uk/haso and occasionally the District Newsletter.

Whilst I have a sense that, in the main, Clubs do take Health & Safety matters seriously, there is a need to give further thought on how to measure/monitor the Health and Safety performance at Club level within the District.

Jo Hamblin – insurance@lions105d.org.uk

District Newsletter Editor 105D Times – [Lion Peter Tabb](#)

Since taking on the role of Editor of the District Newsletter at the beginning of the 2014 Lions year, I have consistently tried to make the newsletter visually interesting and attractive, amusing by the occasional use of cartoons and by the supposedly amusing 'Lion's Tail', and making the content as newsworthy as possible by, on occasions, rewriting much of it into journalese.

In that time I have sought to engage Lions throughout the District but I feel that I might have been less successful than I would have hoped having, so far, only attracting one Letter to the Editor disagreeing with a view I expressed through the 'Tail Twister' column.

Despite there being in excess of 60 Clubs in the District, I receive reports for publication on a regular basis from less than a dozen and consequently it is those that achieve the most coverage and while I try to vary the content as much as possible, there have been editions which might seem to have been for the benefit of very few Clubs. I would far prefer to be able to publish many brief reports from many more Clubs, supported by

pictures, than have to savagely edit some of the long and sometimes rambling reports I often receive. The purpose of my address to the seminar on 17 April will be to advise correspondents and press officers how to achieve concise and newsworthy releases that the main media will accept and publish.

Practically it is difficult to produce more than the average of seven pages, since a bigger edition (which would on occasion be quite possible) would impose a load on Club Secretaries that they might not be prepared to shoulder and indeed the early editions did attract the occasional criticism that I was making too many inroads into Secretaries' ink stocks – hence the availability of a much less colourful version on the 105D website and my thanks to our webmaster for his consistent help and advice.

My thanks to all those press officers who take the time and trouble to prepare articles for publication and while I retain the editorial eyeshade I will endeavour to present the Lions Clubs of our District as the dynamic, enthusiastic and hard-working organisations they are ably fulfilling the ethos of our founder that 'we serve'.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS PORTFOLIO HOLDER - [PDG Lion Judith Goodchild](#)

This has again been a very exciting and challenging year and I thank DG Alan for giving me the opportunity to continue this role and for having confidence in me to carry it out. It is a very big portfolio and I am very grateful to my Deputy Iain Pudney, who is looking after MIAB and MedicAlert, to the Vulnerable Persons Officer Marilyn Skennerton and to the Paultons Park Projects Officer Richard Owen for taking on some of the responsibility. We have been joined this year by PDG Pat Nixon who has taken on the role of District Alzheimer & Dementia Awareness Officer.

I have educated myself, and continue to do so, in all aspects of the portfolio. I have improved and started web pages as stated above. To date I have received only one invitation to speak at a Zone Meeting but would welcome others, especially from those I did not visit last year. I continue writing a bi monthly letter in the District Mailing.

I have the following comments to make on the various aspects of the portfolio:

Competitions

This year the number of entries in The Travelling Lion, Environmental Poster and Photographic competitions have been less. 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.

Environmental Projects

I am pleased to announce that we were able to make an additional payment of £1000 to The International Tree Foundation in September. This meant that our project in Uganda was completed on time. Many thanks to those clubs who supported this very worthwhile project. Look out for information on how you can help support the Centennial Year Targets many of which have an Environmental base.

Diabetes Awareness

Diabetes remains a serious health problem. I have dealt with queries from clubs who found it difficult to find organizations to carry out screenings. I did meet with the Community Fundraiser from the Diabetes research and Wellness Foundation at their Open Day in June in Southampton.

Disabilities, Speech and Hearing

Paultons Park was again a great success. My thanks to Lions John and Anita Drago for organising this event, very successfully, over the last five years. The date for this year's visit is Sunday 24th April. The details were sent out in the December Mailing.

Hearing impairments affect 10.6 million people in the British Isles which means that 1 in 6 people are not able to fully communicate because they are not hearing what is being said. Clubs in this District are urged to support the Lions Hearing Forum. This is a MD initiative and aims to help people with a hearing problem by providing resources such as Deaf Aware Cards, Door Hangers and I SEE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING Badges. It also aims to help the hearing community aware about how they can communicate more effectively with hearing impaired people by attending Deaf Aware Training Sessions or presentations about the problems that the deaf community experiences. Lions you are needed to help achieve these aims by distributing resources to help people who have a hearing problem; by organizing or attending a Deaf Aware Training Session or presentation. Such a Training is being organized to follow the January Cabinet Meeting and will be led by Lion Penny Tregillus.

Sight Programmes

Once again, Spec Trek 2014 was very successful with a large number of spectacles collected. Thanks to both Petersfield Club who organised the day and to all Clubs that collect spectacles for re-use. Spec Trek 2015 is on Sunday 19 April.

A number of Clubs took part in World Sight Day and several Lions enjoyed visiting Chichester Lions Open Day including myself. I found it very interesting and urge you all to take the chance to visit in October 2016. The Lions Eye Health Programme is a very important public awareness opportunity, reminding people to have their eyes tested to combat glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy. This is achieved by distribution of literature and poster displays. Thank you to all the Clubs within our District continue to promote the programme.

LIBRA

I have circulated details of the Give as you Live fundraising price comparison web site. If anyone wants up to date newsletters from LIBRA, please contact me.

PDG Judith Goodchild

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From District Alzheimer & Dementia Awareness Officer - PDG Lion Pat Nixon

I always start my presentation with the question 'What is the difference between Alzheimer's and Dementia?' Very few of the many audiences I have spoken to have known the answer !! Do you ?

As you are no doubt aware this is a new project in 105D, instigated by the fact that my husband Eric was diagnosed some 5/6 years ago. I had first hand knowledge of life after diagnosis and I saw the opportunities that were there for Lions Clubs to become involved with the different organisations that were promoting Dementia Friendly Communities.

The mistake that is made, is that because of all the newspaper reports /high profile celebrity cases etc ,we all think that we know all the answersI did..... until we became more involved and I realised just how important the spread of AWARENESS of Dementia is not only for the 'older generation' but for all members of the community that will at some time come into contact with a Dementia patientfrom the teenager working part-time in the super- market , grandchildren that wonder why Grandma has forgotten a birthdaya workmate that sees his mate making mistakes that would not previously have happened, the confusion caused by modern technology that most of us take for granted.... I could go on ...and on.

With knowledge we can all help... Please contact me to find out how you and your club can help and at the same time improve your Club's profile in the community.

PDG Lion Pat Nixon

From MedicAlert Officer & Message in a Bottle Officer - Lion Iain Pudney

MedicAlert are proud to have been working with Lions since 1962 and we should all strive to maintain the links we have built up over the years.

Their various programmes are structured to provide an excellent level of service to all their members and the transfer to a new Database, whilst having a few teething problems, is due to provide an enhanced level of service and payment options to make it easier for people to afford to be members.

The main benefits of MedicAlert are: -

24/7 cover for 365 days a year regardless of where you are in the world

The only information carried around is the bracelet or pendant with a phone number and minimal information on main medical conditions

There is a membership number giving a unique identification to each Member

The relevant personal data is held on a secure database at the London Ambulance Service

There is a medical professional on the end of the phone line whenever it is called

Training is available for medical professionals

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, the scheme works well with Message in a Bottle if you stress that Message in a Bottle is for Inside the Home and MedicAlert is for Outside the Home.

The Message in a Bottle scheme has now settled down with the new one-stop shop from the Prison Service and is geared up an almost instantaneous delivery of bottles upon receipt of an order and payment.

Message in a Wallet has received prominence during the past year and while it seems to be an ideal solution when outside the home, please remember that it may well be very localised, and that sole attendees to an individual may not be happy looking in someone's wallet in case they are accused of something. Also, it may not be recognised outside the immediate area. The only way to ensure that individuals receive the appropriate treatment anywhere in the world 24/7 for 365 days a year is for them to have a MedicAlert Bracelet, Pendant or Watch. MedicAlert will also ensure that the individual is reminded to check the details being held at least once a year, which might not be the case with either Message in a Bottle or Message in a Wallet, unless the individuals concerned regularly update their forms for significant changes in their circumstances.

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

Lion Iain Pudney

District 105D Deputy Community Services Officer medicalert@lions105d.org.uk Tel: 01628 665019

From Vulnerable Persons Officer - Lion Marilyn Skennerton

This past year has seen an increase in the number of members applying for their DBS Certificate. Some clubs are automatically checking new members as they are badged up which seems a sensible approach.

There has been rumours that in future there will be separate Application Forms for Lions working with adults and children but to date there has been no official government word so until then we carry on as normal.

We are still short of Lions to act as Counter Signatories and I am happy to speak to any Lion who is interested and would like more information. In the meantime I am still willing to travel to clubs in the District to assist them with the filling in of their forms.

Lion Marilyn Skennerton

District 105D VPO

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS – 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 now progressing satisfactorily following various changes to the operation of Dentaid.

In the last year the Dentaid charity has continued to progress and re-shape following the effects of the recession, the staff restructuring process has continued throughout the year with the Trustees identifying the need to seek further efficiencies, hence the position of Operations Manager was made redundant, with the day to day management being taken over by the current Participation Manager. The office has now been totally re configured and new part time staff and volunteers recruited to assist with fundraising, finance and book keeping, admin and PR & communication duties, all of which seem to be working well, within a pleasant atmosphere.

In addition to the support of the Lions and other charitable sources, a considerable amount of financial support comes from within the Dental profession itself.

A number of projects have been undertaken during the year, including the supply of a Dentaid Box portable surgery to Alosikhha. This was a Lions project and suitably identified as such with the Lions emblem etc. One of the newer ongoing projects is a full dental surgery for a hospital in Pakistan. Blackmore Vale Lions Club made a donation of £500 to kick start this project, the Dental department at this hospital is overseen by an English Dentist.

Investigations are underway to see if links can be set up with Ghana.

As in previous years it is hoped once again to be able to take a Dentaïd promotion stand to various District Conventions and the MD Convention.

Finally, I express grateful thanks to the members for the enthusiasm shown towards Dentaïd particularly with financial donations and the collection of recycled equipment, which is efficiently administered by Lion Richard Frost of Blackmore Vale Lions Club, much of which is perfectly serviceable and useable but simply does not meet with current EU/UK requirements. Thanks also to the staff at Dentaïd. Together we hope to improve dental care and education, particularly in areas of the world where it would otherwise be unavailable.

Europa Forum.

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 61st Europa Forum was held in Augsburg, Bavaria, Germany on 9th – 11th October 2015 hosted by MD111 Germany with the theme of “Lions – Sympathy and Friendship”. Four Lions from our District attended representing four different Clubs.

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 howbeit that detailed papers in respect of some of the accepted proposals were not made available until we arrived.

The Forum took place at the Kongress AM Park Convention Centre situated on the edge of the city with excellent facilities for all parts of the programme. There was initially some concern that many of the Hotels were situated around the city centre some distance from the Convention Centre but these concerns were dispelled once we registered and found that all delegates and partners were entitled to free transport throughout their stay on the excellent tram system that serves all parts of the city. The tram system ran 24/7 and proved to be an easy and effective way of getting around to see the many tourist attractions when time allowed with the furthest Hotel being only twenty minutes away from the Convention Centre.

The “Get Together” on the Friday evening was a “Lions Oktoberfest” provided by our hosts in a traditional tented area on the outskirts of the city with a selection of traditional Bavarian food, Oompah Bands and yes barrels and barrels of beer served by waiters and waitresses in traditional dress. And yes, once they get going the Germans really do dance on the tables!

In the late afternoon of Saturday we attended a reception in the Golden Hall of the Town Hall, given by the City of Augsburg where the Mayor welcomed us to the City and our International President spoke in reply. The Cathedral school choir provided entertainment with canapés and wine served after. The Golden Hall is a magnificent reception room situated on the top floor of the Town Hall decorated in the Renaissance style and finished in gold. It is famous for its magnificent, pompous portals, coffered ceiling and mural paintings and really has to be seen to be believed. (The City of Augsburg is twinned with Inverness in Scotland and there is a separate room off the Golden Hall devoted to a history of this twinning).

The “Gala Night” followed during the evening of Saturday held at the Conference Centre comprising of a formal Dinner with entertainment followed by dancing. Unusually, a free event by courtesy of our hosts the Lions of MD111! The event was oversubscribed with both the main halls being employed with entertainment provided in each and further dining space provided in the main reception area.

The Forum itself was very well organised with a variety of interesting seminars and workshops on many Lions activities together with discussions on the problems currently confronting Europe. Here the refugee situation took centre stage and we heard about projects taking place by the Lions in Germany, Italy, Greece and Norway. LCIF want to help but as this is an unprecedented situation, they have no previous experience to fall back on and were reliant on the Lions of Europe to provide advice on how their funds could be employed to best effect.

I have been assured that all of the reports of the proceedings including the minutes, presentations and voting of the of the plenary sessions of the European Council will be published during January/February this year when they will be available for viewing/downloading from the official Europa Forum 2015 website at www.europaforum2015.org.

Our entry in the European Musical Competition, Rachael Coe winner of our MD competition from District 105C was unplaced but proved to be an excellent ambassador for MD105.

Our entry in the European Young Ambassador Competition, Orla Jackman winner of our MD competition from District 105I was placed first out of seven candidates entered. Again, she proved to be an excellent ambassador for MD105.

We enjoyed the fun and fellowship of a well-organised Forum and congratulate the Host Committee in this respect.

The **62nd Europa Forum** will be in **Sofia, Bulgaria** on **28th – 30th October 2016**. The official Forum website at www.europaforum2016.org is up and running with a preferential discount for those who register before 31/1/2016 but with very little other information at the date of preparing this report.

Music Competition.

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 clarinet 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 12th April 2015 at the Birmingham Conservatoire.

This year's competition features the violin 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 with a closing date for entries of 31st December 2015. At the date of writing this report no entries have been received.

MD Initiated International Projects.

Generally as last years report to Convention with changes and additions as detailed below:

Street Children. As previous report.

Lions/WaterAid. (www.wateraid.org/uk/audience/community-groups/lions). Currently, donations are being used to fund projects in Ethiopia and supporting the "Deliver Life" appeal.

Lions/UNICEF School in a Box. As previous report.

Malawi Education Programme. For logistical reasons our previous partner Help2Read have now stopped operations in Malawi and transferred staff associated with this project to School Aid who become our new partner. Both these Charities have had a long and lasting association anyway, allowing a seamless transfer. It is likely that this project will be renamed as the "Malawi Reading Action Programme" in line with the LCI major project in this field.

Gift for Living. As previous report.

Lions International Eye Centre, Korle Bu, Ghana. The building works have now been completed and we are in the fitting out stage.

1 – 2 – 4. This was a one-year project that is now closed. A full report will appear in the Lion later this year.

Refugee Crisis. Five new "projects" have been added that will ease the plight of refugees and Clubs are encouraged to support one, any or all of them if they can. These are:

LCIF Disaster Fund – refugees

Specific help for refugees in Serbia

UNICEF – Child Friendly Spaces

UNICEF – Winterisation

Norwegian Lions Project in Lebanon

Refer to the Council Chairman's letter to all Clubs dated 23rd November 2015 for full details of each project.

Details of all the MD Initiated International Projects together with supporting information, will shortly be added to the District website to provide an easy and up to date reference for Clubs.

LCIF AND DISASTER COORDINATOR - 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. To ensure that all funds are used wisely they are managed with local Lions Clubs' involvement. With your donations, Lions and LCIF will continue to fight blindness, support youth, provide disaster relief and meet humanitarian needs all around the world. Through LCIF Lions are addressing global health issues such as measles, diabetes and Ebola.

Clubs in District 105D were very generous with their contributions in the year ending 30th June 2015, with a total of £48,259 being donated. This accounted for 11.2% of the total donated by all Clubs in the Multiple District. A large portion of this amount was donated for both the Ebola crisis, where LCIF is working with local Lions Clubs in the areas affected with the objective of providing long-term assistance with, for example, orphanage projects. Secondly there was the Nepal earthquake, where LCIF funded health camps, donated medicine to area hospitals and helped with sanitation efforts. Again LCIF is working with local Lions Clubs and the Government on plans for reconstruction, which currently include building 1,000 houses and 50 schools, all of which are now required to be resistant to an earthquake.

Since 1st July 2015 to 21st December 2015 Clubs in the District have donated £7,040. The refugees appeal has featured in this figure. As at 3rd December 2015 (the last date the MD figures were available) District 105D was the 2nd largest contributor to LCIF, with 12.58% of the contributions, with only 105I ahead with 13.88% of the total contributions.

The worldwide fundraising campaign for measles elimination is continuing. This is an LCIF involvement with the GAVI Alliance, a public-private partnership whose mission is to save children's lives and protect people's health by increasing access to immunisation in the world's poorest countries. The funds raised by Lions will be matched by the UK Government Department for International Development and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Melvin Jones Fellowships (MJFs) 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. Assistance has been given to a number of Clubs with MJF applications.

I have endeavoured to keep members aware of LCIF by regular letters issued in the monthly District mailings. For the December 2015 mailing I designed a newsletter rather than a letter, hoping that it might be read by more Lions. I intend to continue to issue a monthly newsletter on topical LCIF issues.

The demand for presentations on LCIF has been very limited. The story of LCIF and what it has done and is doing is an amazing one and I urge Clubs and particularly Zones to request a presentation.

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 the provision of 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.

On behalf of LCIF I would like to thank all Clubs that have donated since the last District Convention. Your donations will certainly have made or will make a difference to many people.

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

YOUTH COMMITTEE - Lion Denise Stenner

Young Ambassador of the 21st Century – Lion Yorky Tuke

At the time of writing this Convention report I am pleased to report that we have four candidates for this year's district competition. There will be an update to Cabinet after the District final on the weekend of 9th and 10th January 2016.

Update to the report will be given at Convention.

Young Leaders in Service - Lion Yorky Tuke

The Young Leaders in Service project is making steady progress in District 105 D. Awareness of this project within the district has increased and this is demonstrated by the increase in enquiries I have had.

Facebook and Twitter are also being utilised much more. A number of changes have been and are being made to the administration of this project. A simplified version of the forms required is awaiting approval by the Council of Governors. They will be published as soon as possible after approval. These changes are designed to streamline the admin work of clubs and district officers.

Lifeskills Officer – [Lion Denise Stenner](#)

Throughout 2015 clubs have shown little interest in Lifeskills, and consequently sales of resources in this District have dwindled. Efforts to raise awareness and interest included an exhibition stand with resources and information available at Convention and Lifeskills was also a part of the Youth Team workshop at the 2015 Convention.

Publication of the latest resource on loss and bereavement for ages 11 to 16, called 'Life Changes 2', has been delayed until Spring 2016.

Full details of the resources available are on the Lions Lifeskills website at www.lionslifeskills.co.uk.

Peace Poster, Essay and Poetry Competition – [Lion Frances Bond](#)

Poetry is the last competition to be judged this year. This will take place on 17th January, with a preliminary on 9th January at the Young Ambassadors weekend. The winning entry will be posted on the web site.

Relevant websites have been kept up to date and any questions from clubs answered.

There were no entries for the essay competition.

The winning Peace Posters have been posted on the District web site.

District Leo Liaison Officer (DLLO) – [Lion John Apps](#)

Overall this past year has been a disappointment with the absence of enquiries from Clubs regarding starting a Leo Club. Youth Officers in clubs are requested to note that a 'LEO WORKSHOP' is being held during Convention.

Guernsey Omega Leos are continuing to 'make a difference' within their local community both with their parent Lions Club and by organising their own fundraising events. The club will be attending Convention to take part in the Leo workshop, come along and find out how our young people can enhance our club futures.

Windsor Alpha Leos are yet to have their first meeting. The Windsor Lions feel that the school teacher nominated has not been a useful liaison. The headmaster has proposed a new teacher who starts on January 2nd and a formal meeting is scheduled later in January. The launch is planned for the 11th February.

Westbury Alpha Leo Club, which has now been chartered with 38 members, has started activities within the School with a shop to raise funds, they also had a stall at the Westbury Street Fair. Westbury Lions has purchased High Viz Jackets for the Leo's and Wiltshire Council are looking to give them a grant to purchase Polo shirts and jackets with Westbury Leo Club and Leo badge on both.

District Youth Exchange Co-ordinator (YEX) – [Lion John Apps](#)

In 2015 New Milton and Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Clubs once again helped this district lead the way (20 out of 26 for UK) for worthy youngsters going abroad to learn of foreign cultures and help us achieve our mission statement.

This year, once again, the same two clubs are at the forefront of the UK programme and it would be great to think that other clubs could emulate this for 2017 – why not send 100 young people out into the world in our Centennial Year? A display and other information is available for those who are interested – REMEMBER – It does not cost anything!!

The UK Youth Camp 2016 is being held at Dumfries (105NE) and discussions are ongoing with the Council of Governors regarding the 2017 Youth Camp which was due to be hosted by 105E.

Resolution No 4

Proposed by: The Lions Club of Woolmer Forest**Seconded by: Meon Valley Lions Club**

This Convention resolves that:

“Annual District membership dues should be held at or below the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published by the Office of National Statistics (ONS) in the September prior to Convention.”

Explanatory note:

Given that Public Sector budgets and allowances are held at or below CPI, and that Private Sector companies often hold theirs at considerably less than CPI, it should be possible, in any professionally run organisation, to manage and maintain the cost of membership at a reasonable level.

This Resolution requires a simple majority.

Resolution No 5

Proposed by District Cabinet

This Convention Resolves that:

“In the event of any redistricting or restructuring within MD105 that directly affects District 105D the assets, including equipment and balances within District 105D Administration Account will be returned to the members as follows: At the end of the financial year prior to redistricting, total funds will be calculated as at 30th June. Total funds will be returned to each Club on a pro-rata basis based on the recorded membership as at 30th June. Equipment and other assets of the District will be identified, stored and made available for use on request to those Clubs in District 105D as at 30th June.”

Explanatory note:

Formalisation and recording of the procedure is intended to safeguard the assets and funds which belong to the Club members of District 105D in the event of any restructuring process directly affecting District 105D.

This Resolution requires a simple majority.

Resolution No 6

Proposed by District Cabinet

This Convention resolves that:

“District 105D considers that the preferred option of the Council of Governors in respect of re-districting 105D and splitting it three ways, is not in the best interests of District 105D or MD105 and requests Council to re-assess the viability of all the other options.”

Explanatory note:

It is currently proposed by the Council of Governors that Regions 1-4 in District 105D be dispersed to 105SW and 105SE and Region 5 dispersed to the new District 105HC. Potentially a future District Governor in District DW will have to travel from Penzance to the Isle of Wight and in DE from Woolwich to the Channel Isles whilst in HC from Reading to Clacton on Sea. There are no decent East/West or North/South road links to enable easy travel between these points and will have the effect of not only reducing the likelihood of members attending district functions, Conventions and District initiatives (which negates Lions Clubs International guidelines for redistricting) but also potentially disbaring future District Leaders from standing for office unless they are retired and have the time to make these journeys. It is not desirable to create this limitation either from the District or Multiple District point of view.

This Resolution requires a simple majority.

Resolution No 7

Proposed by: Meon Valley Lions Club

Seconded by: The Lions Club of Alton

This Convention resolves that:

“The number of Registered Delegate votes assigned per Club should be directly related to the number of club members ‘in good standing’ based on the membership of that Club on the closing date for receipt of Nominations and Resolutions.”

Explanatory note:

It is submitted that the current International legislation for having to be a Lion for ‘One Year and One Day’ before being considered for inclusion as a Club Member with regard to the number of Registered Delegate votes each Club is assigned is undemocratic within MD105D.

Currently a Club Member who joined (for instance) in February 2014 would not be included in the Registered Delegate ‘allowance’ until the 2016 Convention, thereby potentially disenfranchising their Club by a Delegate vote.

This Resolution will require a two-thirds majority

[Please note this Resolution is the first stage in a process to persuade the International Board to change the current rule for determining the number of Delegates for every Club. If this Resolution is successfully passed it will then be taken to the Multiple District Convention and again, if successfully passed, it will be forwarded to the Board, who will need to sanction any change in this ruling.]

Resolution No 8

Proposed by: The Lions Club of Alton

Seconded by: The Lions Club of Woolmer Forest

This Convention resolves that:

“Whilst accepting that Resolutions required by International or Multiple District Constitution are necessarily raised and submitted by District Cabinet for consideration at District Convention, Clubs should be encouraged to raise Resolutions.”

Explanatory note:

Whilst there is acceptance that there are valid reasons in passing down directives from International or Multiple District in accordance with the Constitution, it is felt that the origination of Resolutions at Club level are more meaningful and thought provoking.

It is the perception of many Lions that too many Resolutions originate from The District Cabinet. Consequently, the rationale is for Clubs to take ownership of the organisation by proposing Resolutions which will benefit Lions directly.

This Resolution requires a simple majority.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT 105D

CONVENTION STANDING ORDERS

(INCORPORATING ALL ACCEPTED AMENDMENTS THROUGH MARCH 2015)

CHAIRMAN

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

SPEAKERS

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

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

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

RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

5. (a) Resolutions/amendments will be moved by:
 - (i) Nominees on behalf of Cabinet; or
 - (ii) A member on behalf of the Club submitting the resolution/amendment.(b) Resolutions/amendments will be seconded by a member on behalf of a Club other than in Clause 5(a)(ii) above.
6. Resolutions shall be taken as read without being formally read into the record.

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

TIME LIMITS FOR SPEECHES

8. (a) The mover of a resolution / amendment will be permitted a maximum of three minutes to put their case, and after doing so shall formally move the resolution / amendment. The seconder will second the resolution / amendment without being called to the rostrum and may exercise the right to speak in debate by catching the Chairman's eye. At the conclusion of the debate and before a vote is taken on a resolution the mover of the resolution only shall have the right of reply for the purpose of answering questions or clarifying points raised, and shall not be allowed more than two minutes for this purpose. They will not be permitted to introduce fresh arguments.
- (b) The mover of an amendment shall not be entitled to the right of reply except when an original resolution has been displaced by an amendment which has become a substantive resolution in accordance with Clause 7(b) above when the right of reply ensues to the mover of the amendment.
9. (a) With the exception of the time limits stated in Clause 8(a) each speaker in general debate will be limited to one minute and must direct their comments directly to the report/resolution/amendment under discussion.
- (b) The times specified for speakers may be exceeded only with the approval of convention.

VOTING

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

MOTION PROCEED TO NEXT BUSINESS

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

POINT OF ORDER OR QUESTION

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

IMPLEMENTATION OF, AND AMENDMENTS TO, STANDING ORDERS

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

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

END

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

District 105D Constitution (incorporating all accepted amendments through March 2015) includes, inter alia, the following provisions relating to District Conventions:

Article IX, Section 3

CHAIRMAN

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

Article VIII, Section 2

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

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

Article IX, Section 2

QUORUM

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

Article IX, Section 5(b)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

END

LIONS 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.