



Ordinary People
Amazing Things

The International Association of Lions Clubs DISTRICT 105D - FEBRUARY 2008



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Well these months fly by. Eric tells me that on the market stalls they call it a 'kipper'time. Don't ask why..... it just means that nothing much is happening. I would not necessarily agree. Apart from Club visits we seem to be in a round of meetings were lots is being planned. Many clubs are planning their Easter events/fundraisingConvention of course ...& some are already into the summer season. Charter Nights have started up again after the Christmas break. But for me the highlight of this part of our Lionic Year in this District are the

Young Ambassador Finals. ...

Last weekend in Bournemouth we attended the Young Ambassador finals. The weekend started on the Friday evening. Before dinner each of the contestants gave us a presentation on how the funds would be used if they won. After dinner we all showed how clever we were (weren't) in a Yorky Tuke Quiz (aided by Dot)....guess which team wonyes the contestants !

Unfortunately there were only 4 entries...3 boys & 1 girl. They were from Clubs who had either not entered before or not for a long time. All 4 were absolutely brilliant & I do know that the judges had a very hard job & their deliberations after the interviews lasted over an hour. The winner will be talking at Convention...I hope you are there to hear him. Unfortunately for him he lives on Hayling so he won't benefit from a trip away. Hayling Lions are delighted that they have a winner. It was certainly good to see new faces. Ventnor Lions brought a large contingent to support their entry



Winner
Matt Shearman
Hayling Island Lions
Club



Kerry Hopper
Trowbridge Lions



Greg Ashton
Wimborne & Ferndown
Lions Club



Mathew Edward Busbridge
Ventnor Lions Club

The next stage are the MD finals in February.

PEACE POSTER Another Club celebrating is Loddon Valley Lions. They had the winning Peace Poster. It was really good & I understand came in the final three in the MD Competition. Congratulations! Congratulations also to the winners of the younger age groups.

I gather from reading the Activity Reports most clubs were able to fill their coffers after successful Christmas Activities. Well done to all of you.

On my travels I have seen or heard of the possibility of new memberswe are doing very well but we must not become complacent.

I hope that you have all managed to steer clear of all the virus' that seem to be around. At the moment I am suffering with the sickness bug and I do know that some of you have had chest infections. Please take care.

CONVENTION Not long to go now and if you have managed to catch a glimpse of the Convention Book you should see that it is a day packed right to the limit. Even if you are only coming for the day please let us know. Although we hope that you will be there to join in the fun of the evening events. Delegate Papers are needed for voting ...have you sent them to Judith?

BERT MASON AWARD & TROPHY Thank you to all those Lions who nominated Lions from their clubs for these awards. The person chosen by the Past District Governors who were at Cabinet last weekend will be announced at convention.

NEW MEMBERS Welcome to all the following new members.

Joyce Watts	ANDOVER	Jonathon & Ann Kidner	BOURNEMOUTH	
Louise Wareham	HART	Maggie Knox-Scott	MAIDENHEAD	
Danika Westwood	POOLE	Anne Cartawick	WIMBOURNE & FERNDOWN	
Norman Ball	WINCANTON			
Lynne Meadows	Jane Amor	Stephanie Fay	Candy Kirkland	Torben Strool
Debra Slay	ALL 6 from WOKINGHAM			

DIARY DATES

February

1st Eastleigh CV
3rd Burnham CA
4th Meon Valley CV
5th Gosport & Lee on the Solent CV
6th Swanwick CV
11 Andover CV
13th Tadley CV
14th Alton CV
16th Cosham CA
20th Loddon Valley CV
22nd Waterlooville CV
23rd Sandown & Shanklin CA
26th Totton & Eling CV
Feb 29th -March 2nd attending 105A Convention

March

3rd Henley CV
7th-9th CONVENTION LAKESIDE
10th Bournemouth CV
11th UN DAY Houses of Parliament
12th Southampton CV
13th GMS CV
15th Lymington CA
27th Newbury CV
29th Newport CA

PEACE POSTER COMPETITION RESULTS - A great big 'Thank You' to all the clubs who took part in the competition voting. We had over 30% of the clubs casting votes for their favourite picture to go forward to represent 105D in the MD final - a superb effort.



**Winner 11-13
Ashley Hart
Loddon Valley Lions Club**



**Winner 9-10
Coral Burgess
Wimborne & Ferndown
Lions Club**



**Winner 7-8
Lucy Geal
Blackmore Vale
Lions Club**

Lion Marilyn Skennerton.....Peace Poster Officer

THE CLOCK IS TICKING



As a District, we have already raised in excess of £57,000 for Campaign Sightfirst II, however we are still a long way from the goal I set at last year's District Convention of £90,000 and we only have six months left.

Some Clubs have donated monies raised from existing annual events such as swimarathons, Golf Days and Horse Rides, others are using new events planned specifically for the campaign such as coffee mornings, race nights and charity dinners.

If, however, you happen to have any spare funds from your Christmas collections please consider donating to this worthwhile cause by sending your cheques to our District Treasurer Linda Picton.

I have to congratulate the 16 Clubs who will shortly be receiving their Topaz Award from the Visionary Society they are Alton, Blackmore Vale, Blandford Forum, Fleet, Henley On Thames, Sandown & Shanklin, Loddon Valley, Poole, Romsey, Salisbury, Sherborne, South Chilterns, Southampton Solent, Swanwick, Westbury and Yateley & District. All have raised an average per member of between £50 and £150.

On a more cautionary note, 40% of Clubs within our District are yet to make a contribution. I am sure there are very many valid reasons why this may be so. If your club is one of them, I would urge you to contact your Zone Coordinator and ask to see the new "Faces of Sightfirst" DVD (which I hope will be available on the District Website shortly). It certainly made me feel proud be involved with the campaign.

It's not yet to late to get involved. Please contact either your Zone Coordinator or me (Ian Puttock) at lcif@lions105d.org.uk.

REMEMBER AS LITTLE AS £3 CAN SAVE SOMEONE'S SIGHT!

Ian Puttock District 105D Campaign Sightfirst II Coordinator

Update From Ryde Lions Club

Ryde (Isle of Wight) Lions club, have recently had two successful fund raising events.

In December, over £2000.00 was raised, when a Silent Auction took place.

Lots included, return tickets with Monarch Airlines, a ride in a vintage car, a local pleasure flight, plus lots more.

The money was split between the local Hospice, and the island Mcmillan Nurses.

A Christmas street collection raised £472.15.

The Club wishes all the other clubs, a happy New Year.

The Blackmore Vale Lions

28th Annual Rally

13th ~ 14th ~ 15th June 2008

Relax and enjoy an informal family fun weekend

All Lions, their Family and Friends are invited to join us for our 28th Annual Rally. Just bring your own Caravans, Tents or Motor-Caravans or book into one of the local B& Bs or Inns. We would love to see you all whether you have your own mobile sleeping facilities, or need to use one of the good local B & B's and Inns already in use by some of our regulars.

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Lions Christmas Parcels 2007

Wimborne & Ferndown Lions Club's annual charity Christmas

food parcel deliveries continue to go from strength to strength. Members assembled and delivered 144 parcels in time for this Christmas with the operation focussed on giving them to local elderly people to help make their Festive Season so much more enjoyable. Lion President Godwin Micallef said, "It was wonderful to see the pleasure on the faces of people when they realised that we cared so much about them. They all welcomed the opportunity for a chat with a Lion, sometimes as much as they welcomed the food itself."

Sorting all the food and bagging it up was a major task and Lions were delighted to have assistance from the Mayor of Ferndown, Cllr Lesley Dedman.

When all the parcels were assembled she complimented the Lions on their efficient operation and told them, "I am especially delighted to see that you are now putting the food into large climate friendly canvas bags that the recipients can reuse all through the year."

Like last year, a major part of the cost was donated by the generous responses of customers in local pubs, clubs and hotels whose landlords gave Lions permission to visit their premises for a Christmas Cash Collection. This raised over £1,000 in one evening, a sign that everyone is keen to help those in need at this festive time.

Lion John Wilson

District 105D Accounts 2006 – 2007

The District accounts for 2006 –2007 were completed on 31st January and have been sent to the Auditors. Copies of the un-audited accounts have also been sent to all Club Presidents for review, prior to Convention.

We hope that the accounts will be audited by Convention, although it is very rare that changes to the accounts, once submitted, are made.

Given the circumstances surrounding the accounts for 2005/6 and 2006/7, please be assured that we have refined our procedures. The communication between the District Treasurers and the Club Treasurers is excellent, and all Club accounts are looking healthy, thanks to prompt payments of dues etc.

Whilst have been unable to provide details of Charitable donations, by Clubs, for the previous years accounts, these are available for 2007/8. We will be placing this information on the District web site, so that it is available to all, and it will be updated on a regular basis.

We trust that we can put the prior year accounts behind us and go forward on a more positive note, with the 2007/8 accounts.

If anyone has a query, please contact the District Treasurer or myself.

IPDG Godwin Micallef
Chairman, Finance Committee

A Message from Your Editor

Sadly this issue is late due to having very little input from Clubs. This does make it harder to produce as it takes much longer to produce if I have to spread articles and enlarge pictures.

This is your newsletter for sharing ideas or possibly new events so please PRO's lets have some input.

Peter Garlick