



The International Association of Lions Clubs

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Ordinary People
Amazing Things

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Well Convention is now behind us, both Ann and I do hope that you all enjoyed the weekend as much as we did, wasn't it fantastic!! A weekend that will remain in our thoughts

for many months to come, as we go about the District it is still being talked about, and it is particularly nice to have newer members coming up to us to say how much they enjoyed it and how uplifting they found it to be, thank you to all who supported it and helped to make it a great occasion.

We owe a very big thank you to the Host Committee and all who worked so hard to pull the whole thing together and ensure that we all had a wonderful weekend, and we hope to be able to keep any loss to an absolute minimum, however, indications are at the present time, that if too many more bills do not come in, we could even show a small profit, well done to the committee and District officers involved for the skill and professionalism to achieve this, thank you.

The special piece of music, written specially for us to come in to got us off to a heartwarming start, yes we had a couple of blips, but then so what, we are all human, The fun of the Host Night, and the Banquet on Saturday with guest speaker Alan Titchmarsh MBE VMH DL High Sheriff of the Isle of Wight, who certainly got everybody in the right frame of mind, meeting old and new friends was great and our International guests Ron & Janet Luxton were just great as well, it really will remain a fantastic memory and we wish DG(E) Lion Judith and John every success for their Convention at Wokefield Park next year.



District Governor Awards



Top left, District Secretary PDG Lion Godwin receiving International presidents certificate and District Secretary medal.

Top right. RC Lion Marilyn Skennerton receiving International Presidents certificate.

Bottom left. Lion Shirley Sharky receiving International Presidents certificate Excellence in Effort Award for Sight related projects.

Bottom right ZC Lion Pauline McCreanor receiving Zone Chairmans Medal.

The following received a District Governors Certificate of Appreciation.

Lions Linda Picton, Alan Chapman, Peter Garlick, John Apps, Don Crabtree, Ernie Keene, PDG Mike McCreanor, President Jill Robbins, and District 105D



Convention Host Committee.

We really didn't have much time to stop and catch our breath after the weekend, in the door and straight out again to be at the Korle bu project update presentation at Moorfields Hospital London on the Monday, together with our International President Lion Al Brandel and his wife Lion Dr Maureen Murphy and other members of our Lions family, following this we had a short walk from Moorfields to a very pleasant restaurant for an evening together, and during this walk chatting away, we learnt that the senior lecturer on the project Dr Ian Murdoch was actually from the Isle of Wight, and his family live just a few miles from us.

An overnight stay in London and Tuesday saw us enjoying the sunshine and lunch on the terrace overlooking the River Thames at the Houses of Parliament for the Lions UN Day celebrations, the presentations at the House were most enjoyable and once again meeting up with many friends from around the Multiple District and beyond, saying our final farewell to PID Lion Ron and Janet Luxton before they finally flew home to New Zealand, and of course to bid Lion Al Brandel and Maureen farewell for a safe journey also. I must say Al looked extremely tired and worn out.

Now it's back to the Club visits and Charter Anniversaries, all great occasions that give us an opportunity to meet and be with Lion Al's "Every day Heroes". The Multiple District Convention in Southport will soon be upon us and it is encouraging to note that at the moment it looks as though we will have a contingent of about 40 from 105D to welcome in DG(E) Lion Judith and John. a Great! occasion in their calendar, and a very special moment as we well remember from last year in Aberdeen.



Finally, congratulations on their election success to DG (E) Lion Judith Goodchild, 1st VDG (E) Lion Brigid Hendy and 2nd VDG (E) Lion Ron Twining, we wish you all well and the very best for the future.



Congratulations to Southampton Lions club on the success of their January membership drive, I have been asked to attend their May business meeting for the induction of at least seven new members, which by then, may even increase to nine or ten, it proves that even in these difficult times with a little bit of drive it can be done, well done Southampton, with a particular mention for the effort put in by the club Secretary, PDG Lion Colin Rickman.

Apologies for the later than normal issue of the monthly Newsletter for April, due to illness and other circumstances beyond our control.

We welcome the following Lions who have recently joined the family of Lions.

Richard Tharatt (Gosport & Lee on Solent).
Geoffrey Thomas Smith (IW Sandown & Shanklin).
Paul Baily (Wokingham), Denis Crouch (Basingstoke).
Joy Walker (Hayling Island), Alexander Payton (Newbury).
Lucy Jane Walters (Sherborne)
James Clarke (Re-joined, Southampton Solent)
Judith Laine (Guernsey), Esward James Noel (Jersey).
Terry Jones (Boscombe Bournemouth).
Joan Blackham (IW Newport), Colin Mundy (Warminster).

Departures to Higher Service.

Sadly the following Lions have recently passed to higher service, may they rest in peace and remain in our thoughts.

Lion David Green (Blackmore Vale).
Lion Gina Manfield (Cosham).
Lion Paul Lucas (Westbury),
Lion Peter Ridley (Guernsey).
Lion Douglas Begg (Jersey)

DG Roger & Ann

INFORMATION WORKSHOPS

The 2009 Incoming Officers Information Workshop has now been booked for Saturday 9th May at the Holiday Inn, Southampton. It will include sessions for:

- 1 Region and Zone Chairmen
- 2 Club Presidents and Club Treasurers
- 3 Club Secretaries and Committee Chairs
- 4 New Lions (those who have joined since July 2008)
- 5 Plenary sessions for
 1. VDG (DGE) objectives for 2009/2010
 2. Conflict Resolution

and all for just £5 per person to cover unlimited coffee for the morning

Please get the date into your diaries now and circulate to other club members.



Wow!!!! After 27 years

District 105D wins
Multi-District Young
Ambassadors Competition.

Our Candidate Hannah Johnson sponsored by the Lions Club of Jersey is an outstanding young lady who shows so much passion for what she does in the community. She is heavily involved with Headway an

organisation which helps victims and families in cases of severe head injury or brain disorder. She plans to train to support victims of crime and give support to the local branch of Cancer BACUP.

She also spends time each week with her friend a 9 yrs old boy who suffers severely with Autism.

She is certainly one outstanding young woman.

Well done and all the best in Finland

I hope the attached photo is okay with you if not let us know. This shows Hannah and the Mayor of Dudley and my self. **Lion Don Crabtree**

The Lucas Resuscitation Machines-Update 18th Feb 2009

Since the Zone B meeting on Thurs 12 Feb I have received an update for the Lucas new EU Trial.

The New Trial started some 4-6 wks ago and Dorset is leading the trial which is going very well. They are testing larger machines which run on compressed air. These have a running time of 30 minutes per cylinder as opposed to the earlier units that used Oxygen as a propellant lasting just 8-9 minutes. The old machines are in use and have been modified to take either propellant.

The Trial is conducted similar to all clinical trials. This means that the use of a Lucas machine is decided at random. The Ambulance crew open an envelope which instructs them to use Lucas or not. This does not in any way prevent them from using it, except that if the need arises and they use a machine, these results do not count towards the trial. The reason for explaining this point is that the trial is data quantity and quality driven, and not on a strict time scale. This means that it could take up to approximately 3 years duration, unless it is shortened. There are more units out there than the last trial.

I have asked for more information on our behalf, and expressed our ongoing concerns regarding holding monies collected specifically for Lucas and held in trust. Informing them that our legal adviser has said "That monies collected from the public specifically in the name of Lucas must be held until the trial is complete" If then Lucas is approved fine. If "Lucas" is scraped or say an alternative is found then a decision will have to be made at that time.

I will inform Region 1 and Zones 1a & 1b chairman, and all club secretaries in region1 of any information I receive as a matter of urgency.

Lion Ernie Keene

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Thank You

Pat Cook has asked me to thank everyone who was kind enough to give donations in memory of Eddie. The total she has received was £1045 which has been donated to the 'Hampshire Asbestosis Support and Awareness Group'.

Ernie Howard District Almoner

Lions home for family in Sri Lanka



Five Lions Clubs from the Reading area have donated a total of £5,000 to build a sturdy brick built bungalow home in Beruwela, South West Sri Lanka which is one of the many towns devastated in the

tsunami on Boxing Day 2004. The Lions Clubs of Reading, Woodley & Earley, Wokingham, Bracknell and Goring, Woodcote & District each donated £1,000 to the Reading Initiative for Tsunami Action (RITA), which has been working in Sri Lanka since the disaster.

The Lions involvement in this fundraising project was as a result of the Presidents from local Lions Clubs meeting the RITA Trustees in 2007, and they then took the idea back to their members of raising money to build a new house for a family made homeless by the tsunami. The RITA chairman Councillor Bet Tickner with Ben Mitchell of Peter Brett Associates who founded the project received the cheque from the Lions last month at Sonning Golf Club. Cllr Tickner said "This is particularly appropriate when our partners in Beruwela, who get the building work done, include the local Lions Club. As chair of RITA, I can only say it's been great to work with the Lions and they know they've made a creative idea turn into a family home."

The money has paid for the complete building and fitting out of the bungalow which will be allocated to a family made homeless by the 2004 Tsunami. RITA (Reading Initiative for Tsunami Action) charity bought a plot of land after the disaster, with the sole purpose of building a total of 12 homes on it for affected families. Families are drawn from all groups in society, regardless of faith or background. Reading Borough Council have endorsed this Charity and Cllr Tickner is one of several associated members who have visited the developing "estate" of bungalows, and met some of the families helped so far. To date eight of the 12 bungalows are in use or nearing completion.



For more information about RITA visit www.rita.org.uk or call (0118) 947 4099



Fishing Festival lands a big one!

In the depths of January the Meon Valley Lions once again supported the Ford Sports Sea Angling Club with their

annual charity fishing festival on Weston Shore, Southampton. Although the Ford club's own Mark Ramsay carried off the top prize of £600 on the day of the event, the real winner was the Naomi House charity.

During the recent prize presentation ceremony at Ford's Southampton Sports and Social Club, Peter Oates (Ford SAC organiser) and Ron Wilson Secretary of Meon Valley Lions, presented a cheque for £1,800 to the Winchester based, children's hospice charity. Thanks to the hard work of the Ford Sports SAC and the Lions, plus the generous support of the Transport & General Workers Union, the cheque matched last year's previous effort, taking the total raised for Naomi House to around £27,000 in the 34 years since the event began.

Accepting the donation on behalf of Naomi House, Mary Rochford, Chair of the Solent Fund Raising group expressed her thanks and said, "We understand these are difficult and uncertain economic times, especially for workers at Ford and it is therefore even more fantastic that everyone has been able to continue to support our Charity in this way. Naomi House has also been a victim of the economic recession, losing significant investment funding for a new building as a result of the Icelandic banking crisis, so the cheque has come at just the right time."

Photo: (L to R) Peter Oates Ford Sports Sea Angling Club, Mary Rochford, Chair of Solent Fund-raising Group (Naomi House), Ron Wilson, Secretary Meon Valley Lions Club.



Muzzie The Lion (Wincanton)

The Childrens Trust organised a Mascot Race at a recent race meeting at Wincanton Racecourse.

A total of 9 mascots attended.

They were Spytty The Hound (Newport County FC), Muzzie The Lion (Wincanton Lions), Barney Bear (The Childrens Trust), Jolly Green Giant (Yeovil Town FC), Roley The Dog

(Bowlplex Yeovil), Tadworth The Hound (The Childrens Trust), Captain Balck Arab (Bristol Rovers FC), Cuba The Croc (Paington Zoo) and Crealy Bear (Crealy Adventure Park).

Muzzie The Lion (better known as Bob Mussard from Wincanton Lions) came 8th out of 9 in the race.

The race was won by Spytty The Hound from Newport FC.

No-one said it would be an egg and spoon race! All the entrants enjoyed the day. The Childrens Trust offers a combination of services to children with multiple disabilities. These are residential care, short breaks, rehabilitation for children with acquired brain injuries, transitional care between hospital and home, outreach - caring for children in their own home and The Childrens Trust school. The childrens trust can be contacted through their website at www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk



A record-breaking £135,000

was raised at the Lions Club of Jersey's Swimarathon which took place between the 4-8th March at Les

Quennevais Sports Centre. The event attracted more participating teams than ever before and approximately 3,000 swimmers took to the water in the five day event which was also supported by commercial sponsors RBC Wealth Management.

This year the principal beneficiary of the money raised will be Channel Islands Air Search, originally a project of the Lions Club of Guernsey in 1982. The funds will be used to provide anti-collision radar for the organisation's aircraft *Lions Pride*, an essential requirement for search and rescue operations in the hazardous waters around the Channel Islands.

Lion Nick Sangan, president of the Lions Club of Jersey, was very impressed by the dedication shown by everyone involved with the Swimarathon. "We had an excellent response to this year's event despite a background of economic gloom. Notwithstanding the more than 420 teams taking part have managed to raise this amazing sum. This is a fantastic reflection of the public of Jersey's commitment to helping local charities," he said. "As well as providing new equipment for *Lions Pride*, the Lions Club of Jersey will use the money raised to invest in many other local projects which support the wider community."

Ever since the Swimarathon started in 1972, moneys from that event, and other Lions' fundraising, have provided free holidays for Islanders at Maison des Landes Hotel for the Disabled which itself has been a Lions Club project since 1965. "The hotel caters largely for disabled guests and their carers from the United Kingdom and has received considerable sums from past Swimarathons to pay for refurbishment and development," says Lion Sangan, "But at the beginning and end of each season we use Swimarathon money to provide free holidays for local people who might otherwise never be able to contemplate such a break." The team raising the largest amount in this year's Swimarathon was that entered by the Government House team, led by the Island's Lt Governor, Lt General Andrew Ridgway, and his wife Valerie (who both swam). The team, 'The Royal Seals' raised more than £27,000. Ends.

Photo Fittingly the final total for the 2009 Swimarathon was announced under water by (L-R) Chris Blampied of RBC Wealth Management, Andrew Courtness of Channel Islands Air Search, Lion Ian Robins, chairman of the 2009 Swimarathon organising committee and Lion Eric Bertrand, First Vice President of the Lions Club of Jersey

A message from your Editor:-

Many thanks for all the wonderful articles, unfortunately some have been saved over for the June issue.

Please keep your articles coming.

If any club needs photos of awards at convention please email me. My thanks to Lion Rita Daubeney for the excellent photos at Convention.

Lion Peter Garlick