



Ordinary People
Amazing Things

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Minneapolis International Convention

This was one of the best that I have attended. Perhaps the venue put people off as the numbers attending were lower than normal but those who attended certainly enjoyed

themselves.

The DG school was interesting because there were so few of us in the group we had plenty opportunity to make our views known and we did! There were 12 DG Elects from MD105, 3 from the Netherlands and one each from Egypt, Greece and Southern Cyprus and Jordan/Lebanon. We had some excellent discussions and learnt a good deal. The school culminated in the Banquet for DG Elects and this was a memorable occasion when the white jackets were donned for the first time.

The International parade went well but the British Isles and Ireland contingent was small because there was a low attendance from our MD and because some were not up to the walk. We certainly enjoyed the band – as usual it was a “Scottish” pipe band. They were actually the Zuhrah bagpipe band and came second in their class. I think we made a brave show and the children lining the route certainly appreciated the flags that they were given



Convention itself was very good. Al Brandel ran it very well and we learned of many Miracles through Service. Some of the recipients of Lions aid were there and some of their stories really made you feel proud to be Lions.

Colin Powell proved to be an excellent speaker, witty and not too political. Father Chris Riley was a worthy recipient of the Humanitarian award for all the work he does for children in Australia.

Our new International President Eberhard Wirfs was sworn in on Friday morning. His theme is “Move to Grow”. His logo includes a leave of the ginkgo tree, a very ancient tree, which is a symbol of love and hope and a monument of peace and environmental protection, characteristics which can be linked to Lionism. He wants districts to grow in humanitarian service, leader development, club membership, international and social understanding, Leo Clubs, Lions Quest, cultural activities and LCIF support.

The International President wishes to grow membership and is continuing on from Al Brandel’s initiative. IP Eberard wants to increase the number of women and young people in Lions and is especially looking to recruit spouses and family members. As an example he inducted his wife

Margit as a Lion on Friday in front of Convention.



The highlight of the week had to be the swearing in of myself and over 700 other District Governors. At long last our partners were able to pull off the green ribbons from our badges which we had worn ever since we had arrived. Our moment had come!

One change since we were last at Convention was that voting on Friday morning was much quicker than in the past. Gone were the punches for voting and in their place was a pen to mark the papers as appropriate. Sid L Scruggs III of Vass, North Carolina became the First Vice President and Wing-Kun Tang of Hong Kong, China is the new Second Vice president.



We also ensured we took part in the social side of Convention and spent the evenings attending many receptions. A first for John and myself was the Californian breakfast – an early start before the parade. Of course we were part of the welcoming party at the MD 105 reception on Thursday evening which was well attended and seemed to be enjoyed by all who came. We did have a great number

of Past International Presidents who came to say a “few words”.

Handover Lunch



This was held at The Basingstoke Country Hotel near Hook in the northern part of the District. This was preceded by a Cabinet meeting which was well attended and saw some lively debate and an excellent

presentation on the work and aims of the MERL team. The partners enjoyed a talk by a trustee of the Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance whilst the Cabinet were in session.

The lunch began with Sergeant at Arms Travis marching the top table guests into the Woodside suite which was an excellent setting for the event. Lion President Graham Botwright of Hook and Odiham Lions then said grace and we then settled down to an excellent lunch.

This was followed by The Loyal Toast which was proposed by PCC Lion John. DG Roger then proposed the Toast to Lions Clubs International and District 105D. He recalled many of the highlights of his year and thanked all who had helped him. He presented Lion

Ron Twining with DG Certificate of Appreciation for all his hard work as Reports Officer. He also had certificate for Lion Lynda Wilson-Smith for her work in organising an excellent Paultons Park event. His final presentation



was to Lion Ann who had supported him so well during the year. She received a Melvin Jones Fellowship from Roger and the Lions of Newport. Lion Ann was obviously very touched by this.

Then came the moment of handover from DG Roger to DG Judith. DG Judith's first task was to respond to the Toast Lions Clubs International on behalf of International President Eberhard Wirfs. She said that LCI is the biggest and best Service organisation and then used highlights of the Convention to illustrate this. She said that to her that 105D is the best District in the MD, if not the world, and said that we have a very fine record of service. She hoped that this will continue and grow over the next year. She thanked all last year's Cabinet for their hard work, especially IPDG Roger and Lion Ann for all their help and kindness over the past year when she was Vice Governor.

DG Judith then presented IPDG Roger with a camera which was his Cabinet's gift to him and Lion John presented a gift to Lion Ann on behalf of the partners. DG Judith then presented IPDG Roger with his PDG pin, name badge and her personal banner.



Lion Judith then asked the VDG's and their partners to step forward to be recognised and be presented with their pins and her personal banners. She presented the VDG collar to Lion Brigid and promised Lion Roger that he would be

getting his in the very near future. She said "We three" are going to do our best to ensure that we, as a team, work together to make a difference. DG Judith then presented the members of Cabinet with their name badges. DG Judith thanked her fellow club members from Hook and Odiham Lions for turning out in such force and for supporting me along the way towards today and she also thanked Reading Lions for their support in seconding her at Conventions. She then recognised Lion Brenda Hailstone from her own club for her work in organising the event and presented her with an orchid and personal banner.

Finally, she thanked the most important person there, her husband John. She said through almost 40 years of marriage he had been there to support her. She said she really did thank him as she would not have been standing there without his love and encouragement.

This was a most enjoyable day for me and a wonderful start for my year. Thank you to Sergeant at Arms Travis and the members of Hook and Odiham for making the day so special and to everyone who has wished me well for the year. Both John and I will do our very best to live up to your expectations.

DG Judith and Lion John

Members passing to Higher Service I am sorry to report that I have recently heard that Lions Deryck Wyatt (Woolmer Forest), Stuart Le Ruez-Lane (Jersey), Bill Barter Southampton Solent, Tim Arblaster (Sherborne) and Terry Tidd (Petersfield) have recently passed to higher service. May they rest in peace and be always in our thoughts.

Welcome to New Members It gives me great pleasure to welcome the following who have recently become Lions: Gerald Holley (New Milton), Joseph Kennedy (Meon Valley), and Paul Chandler (Goring, Woodcote and District). I also welcome back Lions Robin Jackson (New Milton), David Brown (South Chilterns) and Angela Felley (Woodley and Earley) and finally I welcome Lion David Jones (New Milton) who has transferred into 105D. I am sure your clubs will make you very welcome and soon get you involved in their activities.

DG Judith's Jolly Jaunts

August

31 July – 2 August Council of Governors, Edgbaston

3 August Wareham CV

9 August Ruby Wedding celebrations for Judith and John

10-16 A short break for DG Judith and John!

22 -23 August Guernsey Lions Donkey Derby

24 August Blandford Forum CV

DG Judith and John

Winborne & Ferndown Lions



Diabetes Screening Day

The diabetes screening at West Parley on the 30th. of June was very successful. Over 100 people (actually 104) were tested by Josie. She reported that West Parley seemed like a particularly healthy area as only a small proportion showed blood glucose levels to justify even mild concern.

The pharmacist, Mr Mitesh Patel, regarded the event as very successful and thanked Lions Club members for organising advertisement of the screening and for their constant attention and assistance throughout the day as well as putting up and manning an information stand outside the pharmacy with a wide range of informative leaflets on diabetes and sight threatening conditions.

Picture, from L to R :- Lion President Debbie Burnett, Mitesh Patel, Lion Godwin Micallef, Josie the nurse.

Lion Ernie Keene

Eastleigh Lions Greet their Twins Kornwestheim



A Mini Bus greeted Lion Reinhard and Hella Duvel, Lion Oscar Guzman and Matilde-Tenore, Lion Jurgen Kaiser and Christine Muller, Christian Moser and Heike Jasen from Heathrow. After stopping for lunch the evening was spent with their hosts.

The following day they were welcomed by the Mayor of Eastleigh and had a conducted tour of the council offices and chambers, then it was on to Brighton for lunch, a walk around and tour before ending up at the Hotel Albion for drink and nibbles which overlooked the pier. Whilst we were there a wedding part

arrived and the bride looked splendid in a white dress and the groom in a white suit (both were ladies). Then it was on to Harry Ramsden's for fish and chips. Then the next day it was off to Windsor arriving at about 11am just in time to see the parade of the guards up to the castle. The Queen was in residence which made the visit more special although we did not see her! Then it was a walk around Windsor before lunch at Winsor Royal Station where we had a choice of 5 dishes and very good wine to wash it down, before going on a tour of the castle before travelling back home for Morris dancing and dinner at the Ampfield Golf Club, although sadly due to illness the Morris dancing did not happen, but a disco was provided at short notice and the evening was a great success .



Sadly the next day was a farewell coffee morning at John and Marie's celebrating her birthday. Our friends left for Heathrow. We look forward to meeting them again in Germany next year.

Lion Joan Brockway

District Convention Wokefield Park, Reading 19th - 21st March 2010

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ZONE1B FUN-DAY



Wareham Lions have been responsible for hosting the Zone Project which has been held for over 25 years at Redcliffe Farm Wareham, the property of one of the Club's Charter members Lion

Nigel Barnes and his wife Jean. The event is a Fun Day based on the Farm and the River Frome providing a range of activities for children and adults with Special Needs. The popular attraction is for the youngsters to be able to paddle in canoes on the river and get very wet and for those in wheelchairs having trips on the Dolphin Boat. The Fun Day is well supported with over 150 youngsters having a great day out in the country!

Lion Mike Bartlett Zone 1B Chairman



Picture shows 2 Wareham Lions helping a youngster throw the hoops to try to win a prize.



Picture above of Lions Shirley Tatchell and Lorna Markey of Bournemouth Lions Club and Edna Farley of Wareham Lions who were kept busy serving drinks to the guests.



Picture above shows Ruth Lewis and Edna Farley both of Wareham Lions getting into the spirit of this great fun day strutting their stuff to the disco.

Thanks to Lion Chris Micallef for the lovely pics.

A Message from your Editor:

Many thanks for all your articles, but please lets have more clubs sending in so we can share your successes. The next issue will close on Wednesday 23rd September.

Lion Peter Garlick

**Southampton Solent Lions Club
Donate £500 to Harry for Training**



The Club's donation was for a special trip to Moscow for Gymnastic training. Harry is with the Dynamo School of Gymnastics and had the opportunity with 14 other children for some intensive training with 2 coaches Dimitri and Yuri. This consisted of 6 hours training a day 1 hour before breakfast, 2 hours before lunch and 3 hours in the afternoon. He is now preparing for the National Setwork Finals in Newcastle. Below is a picture of the group.



Harry wrote to the club saying:-
I had a lovely time in Moscow over Easter. We trained 3 times a day and worked very hard, the food was different but I liked it. We went sightseeing twice once to Red Square and the other to the Russian State Circus. I hope to carry on practising the skills I have learnt.
Thank you again - Harry

Its Dance time with Bournemouth Lions Club



A picture of local celebrity Dame Kitty opening the Dance Day with Master of Ceremonies Mr. Guy Thomas and Lion President Shirley Tatchell in the background.
Bournemouth Lions Club organised and put on the whole event, hiring the ballroom at the Pavilion, raffle and sponsorship. It was the brainchild of our new President Shirley Tatchell.

6 hours of pure dancing! Members of the public paid £2 each - children under 16 free. The Master of Ceremonies Guy Thomas and Dame Kitty, who is an Honorary Bournemouth Lion, gave their time free.



Winners of the cup Andy Smart and Heidi Northbrooke with Guy Thomas the Master of Ceremonies and Bournemouth Lion President



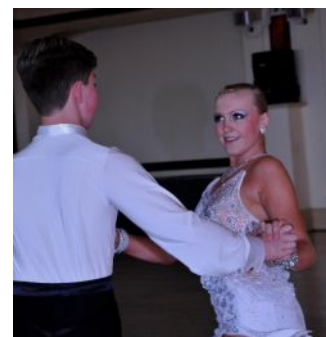
Elliot Murray-Flint and Justine Jarrold giving a demonstration of the Rumba they are both 13 year olds who have only been dancing together for just one week! both are UK Finalists and Elliot has appeared on Come Dancing and other TV programmes.

The Competitors and Demonstration Dancing were all required to obtain sponsorship in aid of The Teenage Cancer Appeal. We also obtained sponsorship monies from Companies.....the Grand Total isn't yet known, but it was a success and we are now planning for another Dance Event probably in January next year.

From small acorns mighty oaks grow!



The costumes and dancing was superb - there was even a Company who make dance outfits there with examples of their dresses - that's how I came to try one on - couldn't resist (grin).



Justine Jarrold and Elliot Murray-Flint demonstrating the Samba, Justine is 13 years old and only been dancing for 4 years

Picture above Andrey Sirbu and Alexandra Hixson dancing the Tango



Thanks to Lion Chris Micallef for the superb pictures and PR write-up