



Lawrie McMenemy wows the 2017 District 105D Convention

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can be found on the District website



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“Celebrating a Centenary of Service”



Convention contained many aspects of Community Relations from our own projects to exhibition stands covering SERV WESSEX which is The Volunteer Blood Bike Charity for Hampshire, Dorset and Wiltshire; Canine Partners; Brain Tumour Research; Alzheimer's and the Grove Hotel which provides holidays for the terminally ill and their families and of course Special Olympics and Hearing Dogs.

PID Lion Phil Nathan also spoke about The Head and Neck Cancer Foundation (HNCf). It is hoped that this will become a Centennial Project. At the moment he is in contact with the organisation to see what can be done to publicise this small but very worthwhile charity. PID Lion Phil is trying to gauge interest in the project and has been showing two videos which are being produced and which can be seen on the 105d website under Centennial. They tell how important the mouth is and what abnormalities to look for. Many of us have dentists who do check for mouth cancers but many people do not visit a dentist regularly so are not aware of the signs of mouth cancer. If Lions could help make the public more aware then we could be saving lives and even increase our membership. Watch out for further developments!

I intend to highlight the work of the Community Relations Team and the projects that were visible at Convention over the coming months. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Lion Judith Goodchild

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Graffiti. You've all seen it. What do you think of it? Art or eyesore?

We are bringing it up to date with a DIGITAL ART SPRAY WALL.

Our CENTENNIAL YOUTH PROJECT will be a Digital Art Competition

Clubs can enter a team of ONE or TWO artists 16 to 18 years old. Each team will have 15 minutes at the wall.

It will be held centrally in the District, probably Eastleigh or Southampton in the Autumn.

There will be an entry fee for each club of £25.

Before we can even book the competition we need clubs to "Express an Interest"

We need a minimum of 12 clubs and a maximum of 16 clubs for the competition to run. 16 clubs is 25 per cent of the District and 12 clubs is under 20 per cent.

Once we have enough clubs interested we then need clubs to "Commit" to enter the competition. At that stage we will ask for the entry fee and a full set of rules will be published.

There will be prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd best pieces of artwork. £500, £300 and £200 to be split between the artists and their chosen charity.

Their sponsoring Club will administer the money designated for their charity.

The theme will be 100 years of Lionism.

The time frame will be "Expression of Interest" by 14th May 2017 and "Commitment" by 14th July 2017. This is to allow for time to get clearance from the District Cabinet for the competition to go ahead.

Funds will be made available to the winning artists to approach their local authority with a view to producing their design in full somewhere in their community. Each club will leave with a print of their artwork. This will enable each club to have their chance to approach local authorities at their expense if they wish.

Please register your Club's interest by email to depyouth1@lions105d.org.uk

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A View of the Convention

By the Editor in his own write



The District Governor, Lion David Taylor, has offered me an unusual opportunity - he called it an 'editorial challenge' - to use Page Three, usually devoted to his own Monthly Diary, to convey my views on the 2017 Convention.

I have attended many District Conventions across the south of England and on my home soil, although none of the latter in the 21st century. Readers will recall that in the March edition I urged them to attend this Convention and that I was going because I wanted to meet those Lions who I so often write about, wanted to share Lions' experiences, exchange ideas and pick their brains. I wanted to talk Lionism with someone whose views I was not already familiar with. I wanted to meet again many I consider to be friends and I wanted to make some new ones. I wanted to feel part of this great big organisation and share in its fun and fellowship.

So did it all happen for me?

Largely, yes.

What made it for me were several things: I did meet old friends and, I hope, made some new ones. I did pick up some new ideas in particular from PID Lion Phil's session. And I was well inspired by Lawrie McMenemy's address and the theme the Special Olympics which, I confess, I knew much less about than I thought I did.

There are still some boring but inevitable bits - much of the business was unexciting, although the spectre of a Brexit from the terms of the LCI constitution livened things up a bit. But not for long. The social events were good, as was the food, but the Sunday morning session still needs more of a purpose and was something of an anti-climax.

All in all the Bournemouth Lions team gave us a Convention that was enjoyable and worthwhile. And largely fulfilled the DG's intention that much of this get-together would be fun.

Lion Peter Tabb



Matters of Moment

DG Team Visits

April 2017

DG Lion David

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
1 Apr:	Isle of Wight Ryde Charter Anniversary Dinner
2 Apr:	Bridport Charter Anniversary Lunch
5-6 Apr:	Special Olympics Training, Sheffield
8 Apr:	Gosport Charter Anniversary Dinner
9 Apr:	Bournemouth Charter Anniversary Lunch
12 Apr:	GMS Club meeting
20-21 Apr:	Council of Governors meeting (Blackpool)
22-23 Apr:	MD 105 Convention
26 Apr:	GMS Club meeting
29 Apr:	Basingstoke 50th Anniversary Charter Dinner

DG-elect Lion Peter

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
1 Apr:	Wimborne & Ferndown Quiz Night
2 Apr:	Southbourne & Boscombe - marshalling Bournemouth Bay Run
4 Apr:	Wimborne & Ferndown meeting
9 Apr:	Bournemouth Charter Anniversary Lunch
18 Apr:	Keighley (District 105C) meeting
20-21 Apr:	Council of Governors meeting (Blackpool)
22-23 Apr:	MD 105 Convention

1 VDG-elect Lion Ken

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Conventional Wisdom

At the 1908 Olympic Games in London, Great Britain won gold, silver and bronze in the tug of war.

Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Introduction

Thank you to those Clubs that have donated recently to LCIF. I was amazed to learn this month that since its formation in 1968 LCIF has now donated over **one billion US dollars** (£800 million) in 13,000 grants. We should be proud of our own charity and the fact the world is a better place for many thanks to LCIF. The LCIF mission is 'to support the efforts of Lions Clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian projects and grants' and I believe this has been demonstrated very well over the last 49 years.

Disaster grants

Four disaster grants were awarded in February to assist flood relief in Peru, Brazil and Zambia and for tornado relief in USA.

LCIF Measles and Rubella Initiative

As we move into the last twelve months of the Measles and Rubella Initiative I would like to repeat my previous comments on this amazing children's humanitarian initiative. This is still continuing and tens of thousands of deaths have been averted – mostly of children. £16 million has been raised to date. LCIF has committed to providing Gavi Alliance (a public-private partnership whose mission is to save children's lives and protect people's health) a further £8 million by December 2017. In 2016 Lions and partners have conducted measles activities in six countries and over this year this will extend into another five or more countries with support from local Lions who play a key role in social mobilisation efforts by working with local leaders, coordinating community-level publicity and serving as volunteers at vaccination centres. More than 65 million children have been vaccinated to date, resulting in more than 45,000 deaths averted. Until the involvement of Gavi and LCIF approximately four hundred children were dying every day from measles and rubella. I do hope your Club can make a donation, or further donation, to the LCIF Measles and Rubella Initiative. Any donations should be made via the District Treasurer, with payments to 'LCI 105D Measles'.

Melvin Jones Fellowships (MJFs)

Don't forget that your Club is likely to have a credit towards Melvin Jones Fellowships. Please contact me to ascertain your Club's credit.

Other LCIF matters

Please contact me if you have any questions relating to LCIF, MJFs, etc.

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News from the Convention



Fraser painting raises £613 for Special Olympics

The auction of the painting by mouth painter Henry Fraser, commissioned (free of charge) to promote the Special Olympics at the 2017 Convention raised £613.00 and a cheque for this amount was passed by President Lion Vicki Haynes to Tony Jones-Pert of the Bournemouth & District Branch of the Special Olympics at the Bournemouth's Club Night on 29 March.

Also pictured are Lions Barbara Stone (left) who made the arrangements to obtain the painting and Shirley Tatchell (right) a member of the Host Committee.

All together with £3,000 donated to Special Olympics Great Britain and £1,900 donated to the MD Special Olympics Great Britain Families Tent (and moneys collected by the Tail Twisters yet to be counted), it is likely that the District will have supported the Special Olympics with in excess of £5,500.

The Incoming DG team



DG-elect
Lion Peter Burnett



1st VDG-elect
Lion Ken Staniforth



2nd VDG-elect
Lion Jarvis MacDonald

Announced at the Convention

Although Paultons Park have, on health and safety grounds, cancelled a Rotary-sponsored event for disabled and intellectually challenged children in June, we have been assured that the **Lions Day** at Paultons Park on **Sunday 7 May** is not affected and will go ahead as planned.

News from the Clubs

Talking newspaper gets a little help from the Lions



Weymouth & Portland Lions have donated £200 to South West Dorset Talking Newspaper (SWDTN) for new equipment. SWDTN spokesman Eleanor Smith says: 'The South West Dorset Talking Newspaper produces a weekly round-up of local news and also a magazine for the blind and visually impaired. The money provided by the Lions Club has enabled us to purchase a new copying machine. We now use memory sticks, free, of course, to our listeners and also provide players for them as well.'

Weymouth & Portland Lions launch new Facebook page

The Club already has three Facebook pages - Motocross, Music Festival and a Lions page plus a Twitter page. The new page (see below) is solely for events of which there are eight planned for this year and it is intended to change the cover picture for each event.

Bravery Certificate



On Monday 27 March, Eastleigh Lions restocked Southampton General Hospital with 5,000 'Bravery Certificates'. These are presented to children after surgery to mark the event and provide them with a tangible reminder of how brave they have been.

Eastleigh Lions were approached in the mid-1990s by an operating theatre nurse who felt it would help reduce trauma and speed recovery if children received an award for 'being brave'.

Since then more than 20,000 certificates have been supplied and funded at the Club's expense.

The photographs show the new look to the certificate and the members of the post-surgery nursing staff, who work in the theatre recovery unit, accepting the new stock from Lions Chris and Philip.



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Weymouth Wade

Easter Sunday 16th April 2017



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Even more News

Finding gold at the end of the Rainbow

Meon Valley Lions Club has recently purchased two new high-quality Sony W830 cameras for the Rainbow Centre in Fareham. This specialist day centre for Conductive Education assists children and adults to improve mobility and movement in the face of disability caused by cerebral palsy, adult-stroke, brain injury, Parkinson's disease or similar.

Patients learn to retrain unaffected areas of their brain to deliver improved functionality and movement, through setting new goals and progressively stretching their achievements. Every patient session is recorded through still photos or videos, to provide a historical record of progress over time and that's where the new cameras will prove invaluable.

A small delegation from the Lions Club accepted an invitation from Yvonne Campbell, the Senior Community Fundraiser, to visit the Rainbow Centre, to learn more about their work. Conductive Education was considered "alternative" when it first arrived from Hungary in the 1990s, but the Peto Institute had been pioneering this treatment since 1945 with remarkable results and now the treatment is accepted as mainstream.

As you can see, one of the Rainbow centre regulars Eduard Cretu, has really got the hang of the new camera! The Lions Club is looking forward to supporting the Rainbow Centre again in the near future, with a summer barbeque.



Photograph: Eduard Cretu takes a picture of (l. to r.) Lion Roy Cuthbertson, Yvonne Campbell, Lion Dick Cowles, Kelle Russell and Lion Chris LeVoi.

Welcome New Lions!

I am delighted to welcome the following new members into Lions Clubs International and wish them a long and happy time as Lions.

DG Lion *David*

Basingstoke—Lion Ron Draper

Ringwood & Fordingbridge - Lion Oscar A. Poules

Slough - Lion Surinder Mangat

Hook and Odiham celebrate 30 years of Lionism in style

On Saturday 11 March, exactly 30 years to the day since the formation meeting for the Club was held, Hook and Odiham Lions celebrated their Pearl Anniversary. It was a splendid evening complete with a birthday cake and decorations.



The special guests were DG Lion David Taylor and Karen Jackson from Chloe and Sophie's Special Ear Fund and President Lion Judith Goodchild was delighted to present cheques to DG David for the Special Olympics and to Karen for CSSEF.



Jersey Lions' Swimarathon raises more than £130,000

The Jersey Lions Swimarathon held over five days between Wednesday and Sunday 8 to 12 March raised £130,141 at the end of swimming. Five local youth-oriented charities will benefit immediately by having half the sum raised divided between them - £13,014.10 each. The remaining funds will be devoted to current Jersey Lions' community service activities including at least six proposed 'legacy' projects.



TAIL TWISTER

The Editor has the last word

Congratulations to Bournemouth Lions on their organisation of the District Convention and the only pity is that a number of the Clubs in the District weren't represented.

From my rather distant perspective, there were one or two surprising elements; how little discussion there was about restructuring, formally or otherwise, and not much chat about the 'legacies' Clubs were planning for their communities, albeit one Lion opined that they were well enough known in their community not to need a permanent reminder! If only that were so. We are still 'a best kept secret' despite the sterling efforts of Club PROs - I know because I am one - and even in Jersey, where we do achieve significant coverage on all the local media, mainstream and social, we still run second to Rotary in the public's eyes. How do they do it?

The 2018 Convention takes place in Southsea. I'm sure Lion Dave Ebsworth and his team will be working very hard to boost the numbers. Good luck to him and watch these spaces!

Lion Peter Tabb

Lion's Tail...



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