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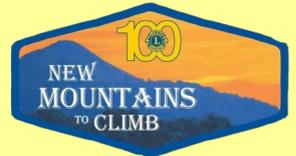


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“Celebrating a Centenary of Service”

Official Call for the 52nd Annual Convention of District 105D

I, David Taylor, with the provisions of Article VII Section 3 (a) of the District 105D Constitution, hereby issue the Official Call for the Annual 105D Convention for the year 2016-2017 to be held at **The Wessex Hotel, 11-13 West Cliff Road, Bournemouth BH2 5EU** from 24 to 26 March 2017.

In accordance with the provision of Article VII Section 3 (a) of the District 105D Constitution, I have appointed PDG Lion David Merchant as Constitutions, Nominations and Resolutions Officer to receive and deal with proposed Nominations, Resolutions and Invitations at the said Convention.

I hereby call on Clubs for:

- ◆ Nominations for office of District Governor—2017-2018 (see Candidacy Requirements per International By-Laws Article IX Section 4)
- ◆ Nominations for office of First Vice District Governor—2017-2018 (see Candidacy Requirements per International By-Laws Article IX Section 6b (1) to (4))
- ◆ Nominations for office of Second Vice District Governor—2017-2018 (see Candidacy Requirements per International By-Laws Article IX Section 6c (1) to (3))
- ◆ Resolutions for consideration at the said 2016-2017 Annual District Convention. *This is your opportunity to bring to the attention of all Lions throughout District 105D those concepts or ideas which you believe are of benefit to Lions themselves.*
- ◆ Invitations to Host the 2019 Annual District Convention

The above should be submitted, in writing, to PDG Lion David Merchant by Monday 31 October 2016.

It is the responsibility of each Club, through its Officers, to ensure its Nomination(s), Resolution(s) and/or Invitation (s) have been physically and timely delivered to the above named officer.

Signed at the Hilton Hotel, Southampton, 17 July 2016.

DC Lion David Taylor

Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Introduction

LCIF can be compared to the emergency services - it never knows when the next emergency will arise. As I write this Newsletter only yesterday a very serious earthquake struck central Italy. This morning there are reports of 250 persons killed, large numbers of persons injured and a huge amount of property damage. Yesterday LCIF made a major catastrophe grant of US\$100,000 (£76,000) to the Lions Clubs in the area to enable them to provide some initial responses. There will no doubt be more given in due course. I have not been made aware of a special appeal for the Italy earthquake but you will appreciate that these grants are paid for from the LCIF Disaster Fund if there is no special appeal.

Only a couple of weeks' ago a dangerous flash flood swept across Louisiana, USA. Many of the impacted areas were previously impacted by Hurricane Katrina, although to a lesser extent. The Lions in the area are collaborating to maximise local resources and again emergency disaster grants will be provided when requested by the local Clubs.

I do hope your Club will support the LCIF Disaster Fund. Donations should be sent to the District Treasurer marked 'LCIF Disaster Fund'.

Donations versus Grants

The final numbers for donations are not yet available but it is expected that Lions worldwide will have donated over US\$39 million (approximately £29.5 million). During the year 2015-16 more than US\$44 million (approximately £33.5 million) was awarded in grants.

Campaign SightFirst

Many of you will recall the two campaigns in the past for fundraising for sight work. Since its inception in 1990 LCIF's SightFirst programme has played a key role in reducing blindness, especially blindness due to cataract. The programme has supported more than 7.84 million sight-restoring cataract surgeries around the world, has upgraded eye care facilities and trained eye care personnel.

SightFirst is highlighted in a new documentary by the Seva Foundation entitled 'Open your eyes - a journey from darkness to sight' featuring a couple who receive the gift of sight from the Lions Lacoul Eye Hospital in Tansen, Palpa, Nepal. The following link will take you to the clip. <https://YouTube/BY97iebYBEq>

Presentations on LCIF

I make no apologies for repeating my comments from the last newsletter. LCIF still remains a 'mystery' to many members despite its amazing record of funding for disasters, sight, youth and humanitarian needs since 1968. I would be pleased to visit any Club, or preferably Zone, to give a presentation on our own Foundation. (The word 'Foundation' is simply another word for 'Charity').

PDG Lion Patrick Hamblin

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Have a quick look at the picture above.

Just short of 100 million people worldwide that our organisation has served in our Centennial period. It's something to shout about given our target was 100 million – but by 30 June 2017! We have achieved our target with ten months to spare, now that is something to shout about, so how about letting your friends, relatives and local media know.

And I mean “We”. Every time your Club secretary completes your monthly activity report and highlights something you have done as a Centennial project, you have added to that total. Thank you. Any chance we will double it by next year?

At our District Convention I said we faced three challenges:

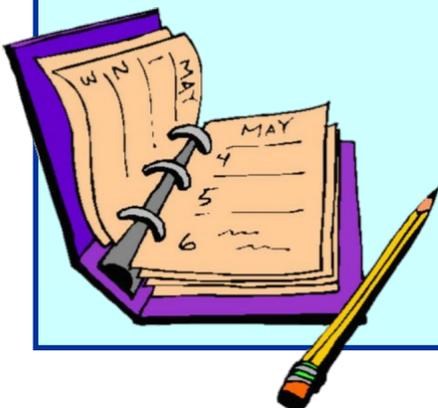
The move of Clubs to Charitable Incorporated Organisations and ensuring we were not breaking the latest charities act. Our District is on track and will be moving forward, hopefully next year, after we tackle those Clubs nationally that are seriously out of step.

The need to cut our costs nationally and redistrict. Some of the savings recommended by the previous Council may not be popular but significant savings have to be made with the departure of Ireland from our MD. As to redistricting, our current Council has undertaken to consult and this was initially by the questionnaire, the results of which all Clubs have seen. I have asked your Zone Chairmen to tell me what you think of the results after which the Council will look at making a proposal, hopefully based on the 8-District option.

But, most importantly the need to fulfil our mission of ‘We Serve’. If you look at the picture again, you should be proud of what we accomplish between us. Thank you once again.

We do face one further challenge of course, every year – Membership recruitment and retention. Since 1 July we have been joined by 18 new members, but 11 former colleagues have left. I know this is a problem for most Clubs which is why Lions Pauline McCreanor and David Merchant (who head our membership and leadership teams) have arranged a special evening on Monday 3 October at the Southampton Hilton Hotel. It would be immensely beneficial to us all if as many Clubs as possible joined in the discussions to learn from each other what works – and what doesn't.

Finally, a big ‘thank you’ to the Clubs that the members of the District Governor Team have visited so far, it's been informative and great fun. Roll on next month!



DG Lion *David*

District News

DG Team Visits September 2016

DG Lion David

Date	Activity
5 Sept:	Cosham Official Visit
10 Sept:	Swanwick 40th Charter Anniversary
12 Sept:	Jersey Official Visit
13 Sept:	Guernsey Official Visit
14 Sept:	Yateley Official Visit
17 Sept:	GMS Charter Anniversary
18 Sept:	Redistricting Council Meeting, Birmingham
26 Sept:	New Milton Official Visit
28 Sept:	Farnborough Official Visit

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Date	Activity
5 Sept:	Petersfield Official Visit
6 Sept:	Gosport Official Visit
8 Sept:	Trowbridge Official Visit
12 Sept:	Fareham Official Visit
13 Sept:	Bridport Official Visit
14 Sept:	Fleet Official Visit
21 Sept:	Salisbury Official Visit
22 Sept:	Newbury Official Visit
26 Sept:	Finance Committee Meeting
28 Sept:	GMS Official Visit

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Date	Activity
6 Sept:	Wimborne & Ferndown Official Visit
7 Sept:	Lymington Official Visit
20 Sept:	Woodley & Earley Official Visit

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*

Bradford on Avon - Lion Philip Courage
Christchurch - Lion Priscilla Rawles
Fareham - Lions Alan Ferrier, Sandra Ferrier, Stephanie Wells, Lesley Worrall and Paul Worrall
Hart - Lion Rhon Kempster
Maidenhead - Lion Brian Tolkien
Petersfield - Lions Patricia Copping, David Putnam and Mary Putnam
Romsey - Lions Barry Broughton and Irene Broughton
Swanwick - Lions Matthew Frost and Rebecca Frost
Warminster - Lion Fiona Boxley-Lang
Wokingham - Lion Ian Grange



YOUR LIONS CLUB

Would you like to increase the numbers of Lions in your Club?

Would you like to motivate your members to greater service in your community this centennial year and into the future?

If the answer is yes, then you are invited to the District 105D Recruitment and Retention event:

**The Hilton Hotel,
Bracken Place, Chilworth
Southampton, Hampshire SO16 3NG**

**on
Monday 3rd October 2016
at 7.30pm**

Whether you have been a Lion for many years or just a few months come along and expand your ideas, share examples of good practice and create a series of suggestions to be made available to all clubs in our District.



If you would like to join us contact either of the below by Monday 5th September 2016

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Lions Clubs International
District 105D - 2017 Convention
24th - 26th March 2017
Wessex Hotel, Bournemouth

Fun & Friendship

Convention business and awards
Workshop's & Presentations
Exhibition of Lions related projects and products
Friday night : Informal Olympian themed dinner.
Saturday night : Black tie dinner and dance.
Relaxing hotel facilities

www.lions105D.org.uk/2017



Special Olympics



News from the Clubs



Lions let loose at Weymouth Carnival

Weymouth & Portland Lions, their partners and friends entered into the spirit of carnival by dressing up in Lion outfits to walk the route enticing the public to donate to the carnival charity fund. Lions were kept in order by the former Mayor (and friend of Lions) Councillor Christine James dressed as a Lion Tamer. Lions were also supported by children from a local dance group who rode on the float dressed for the part.



Lions Charity Golf Day

Weymouth & Portland Lions' annual Charity Golf Day was another success raising more than £1,800 for the charity fund. The weather was fine and everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable time. The day was rounded off with some 40 golfers and Lions sitting down to a very agreeable three course dinner.

Pictured – President Lion Mark Lockie presents the trophy to the winning team.



MAY FAYRE PROFITS DONATED TO FOUR CHARITIES

Wokingham Lions Club induct two new members, Including the Town Mayor



Profits from this year's May Fayre, organised by Lion Paul Bailly and other Lions members and which took place on Bank Holiday Monday 2 May 2016, were donated to four local charities by the Wokingham Lions Club at the 13 July business meeting.

These include Younger People with Dementia (Berkshire), a charity that supports adults aged from 30 to 64 with young onset dementia; Alzheimer's and Dementia Café at the Methodist Church (a friendly place where people with dementia and their carers get together in a relaxed environment); MacMillan, a charity that supplies a team of nurses and therapists who help with cancer treatment; and Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, a charity that trains dogs to alert deaf people to sounds they can't hear.

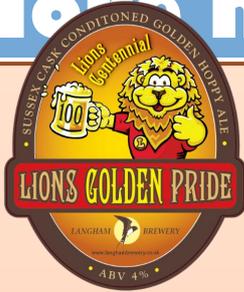
"We are very pleased to support each of these worthy charities with four cheques totaling £10,500. We work in partnership with the Town Council to organise the event. This year's May Fayre was a great success, and the donations are made up from proceeds from the May Fayre, sponsorship and public donations on the day," said Lion Bob Westerman, president of the Wokingham Lions Club.

In addition, the Lions Club inducted two new members, Wokingham Town Mayor Cllr Gwynneth Hewetson (honorary member) and Ian Grange.

In Memoriam

The 105D Times records with sadness the passing to higher service of former Lion Roland Metcalf (1931–2016), Past President of the Southbourne & Boscombe Lions Club 1990/1991

More news from the Clubs



Fleet Lions' pride in 10th Beerfest

The Fleet Lions Beerfest held on Saturday 6 August was a great success with 900 thirsty punters sinking more than 3,300 pints and around £8,000 was raised for good causes. Two local breweries participated and Fleet Lions also splashed out on a posher glass and a design that celebrated 'Fleet Lions serving quality beers for 10 years and Lions Clubs serving communities globally for 100 years'. Said Lion Jim Storey: "It was great to have our members supplemented by others from our Aldershot and Sirius branches. But the event wouldn't have been possible without the extensive help of family, friends and charities we've helped in the past."

There was a vote to find the most popular beer and it was great to see 'Lions Golden Pride' be the winner. It's a special offering from Langhams Brewery celebrating the Lions International Centenary. So if you're hosting a Beerfest, then stock up with it!

The Fleet Beerfest had two sessions - lunchtime was more popular than ever but for the first time the evening session actually sold out before the doors had opened! Fleet Lions put a lot of effort into marketing the event and for the first time used Mailchimp to contact previous punters. There was also great entertainment from Kindred Spirit and the Fleet Blues Boozehounds Band, both highly recommended. Next year's beer festival will be held on 5 August.

Bracknell Lions Show Success

Bracknell Lions are pleased to announce the success of their second ever Bracknell Show! The event was held first in 2015 to relaunch the historic local show that hasn't been put on for more than thirty years. Ambitious Immediate Past President Lion Paul Day had a vision that the small but growing Club could come back from the brink after threatening to close back in early 2013 due to lack of members. Luckily the Club's recruitment drive, plus his vision and the hard work of the members really paid off, with the show turning a profit for the second year running.

Bracknell Lions Club, chartered in October 1968, has a long and successful history. However, with membership dwindling, in 2013 the Club had launched a recruitment drive that saw the membership soar from four to 16 members initially, and from there it has grown further since.

When Lion Paul joined the Club he wasted no time at all getting stuck in. His drive to relaunch the Bracknell Show inspired the whole Club.

The process of organising such an event was a steep learning curve for all involved, and included many late nights and tearing out of hair. On a grey day in June 2015, the field was set up with more than 40 stalls and a huge arena in which there were exciting displays of live chainsaw tree carving and birds of prey (not at the same time!). Despite poor weather, the day went well and the Club learnt a huge amount from the process. They even turned a very respectable profit which they were able to plough into local community charities.

Immediately the club started planning for 2016's show to be bigger, better and to run more smoothly, but to keep it free for the public to attend. This year there was a BYO picnic entertained by an Elvis tribute act. This, and the size of the show meant different licences, a change to the timings and set up too. But 2016 managed to be both bigger and better with more stalls including a free balance bike session supplied by the charity Sustrans, gymnastic displays from the British Champions, ice cream, sword fighting, reptile handling and much more. And to top all that off, 2016 also delivered sunshine on the day for the 4,000 or so people attending, and a further 150 stayed for the live music in the evening! The Club worked harder at their PR that year, and as a result BBC Radio Berkshire broadcast live from the show for two hours at the event. The Bracknell Show 2016 made a profit of £2,867.48 (including sale of stalls pitches, raffle and auction, and the sale of adverts in their glossy brochure). This in addition to some wonderful support from Paul's Trust and the Bracknell town council.

Bracknell Lions have proved that you CAN bounce back from low membership and an inability to be able to run events. Club members spent many years mostly supporting other local Clubs with manpower and are overjoyed to be able to run successful and exciting events again themselves.



2017 Convention Update

✦ **Sebastian** says: Along with our Grand Centennial Ball and the Sports Theme with guest speaker **Lawrie McMenemy MBE** plus Bournemouth's seven miles of golden beaches and wonderful sea views, there is now an added bonus. The well-known artist **Henry Fraiser** (who paints with the brush held in his mouth) has kindly offered to donate a painting which he will create specially for us with a seaside theme and this will be used to raise moneys for the Special Olympics. Just imagine owning your own Henry Fraiser. One lucky Lion or friend will do so by the end of the Convention.

More news from the Clubs

WOKINGHAM'S 33 LIONS RAISE £37,000 IN 2015-2016 YEAR

"We have donated £37,000 to the local community in the last year with just 33 members, and that is an impressive result," claimed Wokingham Lions outgoing president, Lion Alan Rouse, thanking the Club's members for their hard work in raising so much said.

The announcement was made at the handover ceremony to new President Lion Bob Westerman, attended by Wokingham's Mayor Cllr Mrs Gwynneth Hewetson held on Sunday 26 June at the Hotel du Vin in Henley-on-Thames.



At the ceremony new President Lion Bob outlined his vision for the coming year, which includes a concerted effort to attract

more young members, in their 20s, 30s and 40s. "We offer a fantastic opportunity for people of all ages to come together to help the community, make new friends and have some fun. In particular, we would like to have more young members in our Club. We would welcome fresh ideas for fund raising, and encourage anyone who would like to make a difference to join us," he said.

Mayor Hewetson thanked the Lions for their efforts in helping the community. She said that she is keen to promote her chosen charity, Soulscape, a local charity that helps young people deal with many stressful issues in their lives.

Upcoming Lions events include the Beer Festival Bar in late August, Winter Carnival in November, the Can-Can drive (to provide food for the elderly) and carol singing around the pubs and restaurants in December.

Loddon Valley Lions donate laptop to the Samaritans



Loddon Valley Lions Club has donated a new laptop to the Basingstoke branch of the Samaritans. The laptop will be used to assist in the training of new recruits and refreshing the knowledge of existing volunteers.

In the picture Mike Saunders, the Samaritans Director of Training receives the laptop from Loddon Valley president Lion John Read.

LIONS FUN DAY GOLFERS HIT THE FAIRWAYS

On a gloriously sunny Sunday afternoon 26 golfers took part in the ninth Blackmore Vale Lions' annual Fun Day at Folke Golf Club on Sunday 26 June 2016.

The main charity chosen for this year's event was St Margaret's Hospice and the Lions are proud to announce that £1,000 was raised.



In the picture Blackmore Vale President Lion Ian Simpson is presenting the cheque to Barbara McAulay one of the fundraisers from St Margaret's Hospice accompanied by Lions George Wagland and Peter Oswick together with Steve Harris the owner/partner of Folke Golf Club.

The Lions would like to thank all the golfers and all the helpers on the day who helped make the event a success.



JERSEY LIONS ANNUAL PEDAL CAR GRAND PRIX RAISES £4,000

Held on Sunday 21 August, 20 teams of five drivers each competed for the Lions Quilter Cheviot Trophy won after several heats by a team from Gallery, a local magazine. The event raised £4,000 from the Quilter Cheviot sponsorship and entrants' fees.



TAIL TWISTER

The Editor has the last word

There has been considerable discussion as to what, without Ireland, MD 105 should call itself. We are currently 'the British Isles and Ireland' so one might have thought that without Ireland we would simply become 'the British Isles', a geographical rather than a political statement. However someone apparently asked "What about the Crown Dependencies? Are they included? We can't leave them out!" Quite so, but, in fact, geographically we are already in because the Isle of Man always has been and, since 1204 so have the Channel Islands (before that we were part of Normandy, the Duchy that invaded you lot in 1066!

I was interested to read the DG's 'Diary' and learn that Lions across the world have achieved helping 100 million people with still ten months of the Centennial Year remaining. A fantastic achievement and illustrates just how successfully we can serve when we really put our minds to it.

Lion Peter Tabb

Lions' Tail...



Bracknell Lions ready for any invaders

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