

## The Newsletter for PID Phil's Campaign for International 2nd Vice President

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Autumn

The period since the last Newsletter was published the team have been very busy indeed and this has involved a significant amount of travelling.

At the beginning of September PID Phil & PCC Philip attended the inaugural ANZI-Pacific Forum which was held on Queensland's Gold Coast, to the south of Brisbane.

A few years ago Phil has actually completed a shorter trip to Australia, just a weekend visit, when he was the guest speaker at Barry's District Convention. Still that's what friends do!

It is sometimes surprising how many people you realise you know, and, perhaps more importantly, know you or specifically, PID Phil. We were made very welcome and Phil was invited to participate in the opening and closing ceremonies.

Whilst in Australia we had the opportunity to meet again with Executive Officers and many Lions from 'down under' and all of these meetings were positive.



In Mid-September PID Phil was invited to represent the Association at the Global Volunteers Conference, in Budapest and this has already been reported on by way of a blog on the website.

In late September Phil & Philip attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Anchorage, Alaska. It was a very, very positive visit and we returned with a real buzz.

We had the opportunity to have a number of long meetings with many Past Presidents, which, together, lasted for several hours. Each of these meetings was extremely positive and supportive in its own right and provided us with a great deal of information and advice. The most encouraging aspect is that Past Presidents with whom PID Phil has not worked previously were engaging him in positive, supportive, conversation.

Phil also had the opportunity to have discussions with Executive Officers and with Past President Wroblewski

PID Phil was invited to attend the PIPs/PIDs Update Seminar at the Forum and was introduced to those present as 'Endorsed Candidate'.

Our final trip, in September, was to Macedonia accompanied by PCC Bryan and Lion Margaret Riley who have done a great deal of work with the Macedonian Lions. This was a fascinating experience.

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We had the opportunity for a long meeting with many of the leaders of



Macedonia, to discuss their hopes and aspirations for Lionism within Macedonia. To coincide with the visit, a new Club Charter Night was held and Phil was invited to present the Charter to the President. This was a Club of 23 members, none of whom was over 30.



Prior to the Meeting we were invited to attend a meeting with the DG, PDGs, and VDGs and honoured to be advised that they wished to Endorse Phil as Candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

On our second day in Macedonia we travelled to a different city for a Club Charter. During the evening Phil was formally presented with the Endorsement letter and introduced as their Endorsed Candidate. Another 7 new Lions were inducted at the Charter. The Lions of Macedonia are giving tremendous support to the neighbours in Albania and we had the opportunity to meet a number of Albanian Lions who had travelled to the Charter.

Returning to the MD, Phil was a key note speaker at the 105M Autumn Forum and accepted an invitation from the Exeter Lions Club to attend their 50<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary, the drive to Exeter from Earls Colne takes about half the time it takes to fly to Anchorage!



PID Phil was prominent at the Europa Forum, in Maastricht, and apart from presenting one Seminar, which was an outstanding success, was asked to introduce the Romanian candidate for International Director, speak on behalf of the Danish Lions in presenting a Resolution for debate and was instrumental in asking and encouraging the International President and Executive Officers to attend the Finals of the Young Ambassador Competition.



The Team are taking every opportunity to attend functions, both at home and worldwide, traveling some 40,000 miles in September alone.

The world knows that PID Phil is a serious candidate and he will be submitting his certification papers in respect of the 2012 Convention, with again the intent to withdraw in favour of the Recommended Candidate, PID Joe Preston, from Arizona, USA.

We have a game plan; we continue to secure Endorsements from within Europe, our most important objective. In October the Cabinet of another European District voted overwhelmingly to Endorse Phil.

We have a growing body of support, throughout the world, a body of support that is increasingly positive in its support and encouragement.

**For the latest news on PID Lion Phil, please look at his website [www.lionphilnathan.co.uk](http://www.lionphilnathan.co.uk)**

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