



Convention Special



Faeries and Fantasy at 105SW Convention

This year we celebrated Forty Years since the formation of District 105SW and were delighted to welcome PID Dr Patti Hill and her husband Lion Greg (both Members of Edmonton Host Lions Club Canada 37L) to our Annual Convention at the Holiday Inn, Plymouth. We also welcomed guests from 103W our twin District in France and from 105A, BN, BS, D, EA, M and SE.

Friday night was 'Party Night with 146 Lions and their partners interpreting the theme of Faeries & Fantasy chosen by Christine, with costumes ranging from 'Dodgy Faeries' to 'Fairy Liquid Bottles' and 'Witches'. Some of us on the Committee had rehearsed a routine, so you can imagine the amusement (embarrassment) of De Godmuvver (think about it!!) when 'The Stripper' started up to great cheers around the room. Fortunately (for them) we only stripped to our T Shirts with 'DG's Faery Helpers' emblazened on the front along with her picture.

The newly formed Lions Youth 4 Brass Band under the Direction of David Hollister performed before both Business Sessions and for the Flag Ceremony and were well received at this their first Convention appearance. This new Youth Brass Band is supported by the District and is based in North Somerset.

With 298 people present The Lord Mayor of Plymouth, Cllr Ken Foster, formally opened Convention and the business continued with DG Christine keeping control. Lion Neil Rutter (Seaton & District LC) was elected as DG Elect, Lion Clifton Cane (Babbacombe & St Marychurch LC) 1st VDG Elect and Lion Julian Chadwick (Exeter LC) 2nd VDG Elect for 2010 - 2011.

During the Business Session delegates introduced themselves as usual by name and Club but from the word go everyone added their County trying to score points over each other and even visiting Lions from outside our District entered into the spirit of this which caused quite a bit of laughter. The best however came from PDG Brenda Wood a Member of a Club in Devon, lives in Somerset and has a house in Cornwall!!!

PID Lion Patti gave a very inspiring address about her work as an International Director and brought some very light hearted moments to the afternoon and at the same time challenged us all to say 'we can do that'. She received a standing ovation at the end of her address.

The DG's Gala Dinner was attended by 204 Lions and guests in their posh frocks and after some entertaining speeches they danced and sang the night away to the music of Alan Diamond.

Convention concluded on Sunday morning with a lively question and answer session hosted by DG Christine and PID Patti covering a wide variety of questions from the 122 attendees. Patti also gave us an insight into the work of a PID at Oakbrook, working with different cultures and the importance of taking International Board Meetings to other parts of the Globe.

Convention 2011 will be from 11th – 13th March at The Imperial Hotel, Torquay and details of the venue are already on our Website www.lions105sw.org.uk. Hope to see you there.

Lion *Glyn John*
Convention Chairman

All photos from Convention are available on Disk from the Newsletter Editor at £5 inc postage and packing



Prior to the start of Convention in order to commemorate 40 years since the establishment of District 105SW District Governor Christine Rowe, accompanied by Past International Director Dr Patti Hill, planted a Ginkgo tree on Plymouth Hoe together with a suitably inscribed plaque which incorporated the Lions logo. The Ginkgo Tree is of course the symbol of our International President Eberhard Wirfs and it has been sited in a very prominent position popular with both locals and visitors to Plymouth alike.

Anyone visiting Plymouth and wishing to see the tree will find it to the right hand side (as you face the sea) of the War Memorial on the world famous Plymouth Hoe.



Working from Top Left: Lion Steve Murray & wife Lyn - Winners couple Fancy Dress with Fairy & Fanta C - Dr Patti Hill - 1st VDG Neil letting his hair down with Val - A warm welcome from Delegates to DG Christine & Peter - Lions Brass 4 Youth Band with Director David Hollister - Committee getting ready for their 'Surprise Performance' - Official Photo - Lady Mayoress Councilor Wendy Foster, Lion Greg, DG Christine, Dr Patti Hill, Lion Peter and the Lord Mayor of Plymouth Councillor Ken Foster - Exeter West Witches having fun and finally the Club Winners of Fancy Dress, Camborne-Redruth with 'Faeries Can't Spell'

