

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

DISTRICT 105SW

1st ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION

Croyde Bay Holiday Village

Saturday 21st March 2020



We Serve

REPORTS

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs



Dear Lions Friends,

Claire and I have known Lions District 105SW for well over 30 years and have many old (i.e. long-standing) friends in the District. However, all things change, and we are very much looking forward to visiting again, and to learning more about your wonderful activities and community service achievements.

Our beloved organisation, Lions Clubs International, is growing across the world as a whole, but in our traditional areas, growth is becoming more and more difficult to achieve. I look forward to hearing and discussing your plans and ideas for the expansion of Lions service both locally and globally.

District 105SW Conventions are well known for being enjoyable and efficient events, and I am sure that 2020 will live up to expectations. Claire and I give best wishes to all involved for a successful Convention.

Kind regards

Past International Director



A warm welcome to you all.

Special welcome to our French guests and to Lion John Chambers, CN District Governor. Our International Guest, PID Lion Howard Lee is no stranger to the South West. When invited he asked if there are good golf courses in the area. Play any after arriving Howard?

This is the first District Convention of the South West here in Croyde Bay. As it is the first, we have a golden opportunity to set the format for the future. Remembering this is a fortnight later this year due to circumstances beyond our control

The programme is different to what has gone before. The reason being is two of the speakers must leave at mid-day for another Convection. However, you will be able to meet them in the coffee break.

They are Lion Fran Stary the lead in the Brain Trauma Research project and Lion Stu Young the lead for the Spot Vision Camera. Welcome to you both and enjoy your short time with us.

I have been honoured and have enjoyed my year as your District Governor; time has flown after freezing in Chicago then on to Milan.

Over the last 3 years I have visited most of your Clubs. By the end of my time I will have visited you all. I am amazed at the ways you find to raise money and to bring enjoyment to your communities and Clubs.

As you know the District Governor and Vice Governor attend the Council of Governors meeting where we try to make decisions for the benefit of Lions; these are not always popular but have to be made.

I would like now to thank the Convention chairperson Lion John, and the team for the hard work they have done to bring this Convention to you all.

Enjoy your Convention.

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District Governor Team

District Governor

Lion Jim Partridge-Hogbin

This year has been a rollercoaster ride with the formation of this District. It has been an honour to serve as your District Governor, I have now over the last 3 years visited most of the Clubs in the District and will complete all by the end of May.

My training as Governor was different to previous year as we trained in Chicago; cold or what? Where we met the incoming Governors from the rest of the world and made many lifelong friends.

The last day of training was in Milan, which I attended by myself as Lion Rosemary broke her arm on the Sunday before flying. Thank you to PDG Lion David for removing my tag.

On returning I took up the role from IPDG Lion Peter Rowe - not quite correct as now there are only 8 District Governors. So, many changes had to be made to the Multiple District and to District and Zones.

Membership at this time was 1230 members, it rose to 1240 but by the end of December 2019 it dropped to 1219 again. We seem to have lost members faster than we gained them. If we do not want to go through the process of re-districting again soon, we must stop this.

My plan for the year was to try and make Lions more attractive to younger members by reducing some of the outdated formality, so we could be more relevant to today's society. After all, if a Club closes who suffers?

One Club has closed and two more are on the point of closing. If your Club is in trouble contact the District Officers before it gets to this point. It is possible to recruit, just ask Tiverton.

On a more positive note, this year the South West has risen to other challenges in the way we are famous for,

Yorkshire Floods

Australian Bush Fires

Many local challenges as well.

The South West is hosting the Special Olympics as part of the Mayflower 400 celebrations and I am sure you will all embrace this with the rest of the Lions in 105. Plymouth Lions Club have the details.

Trauma Teddies have also been taken up by many Clubs meaning many smiling faces instead of crying children.

We have also sent members on the Regional Lions Leadership Institute which they completed. Well done!

I would now like to personally thank all District Officers for their support over the last year and to all Lions who have supported the District. I am sure you will wish your next District Governor all the best for their year.

1st Vice-District Governor

Lion David Fitzpatrick

It only feels like yesterday since I stood before you here at Croyde Bay and asked you to support my nomination to become your 1st Vice District Governor, but that was 12 months ago. I'm here today asking again for your nomination this time to achieve my goal to become your District Governor starting in July.

I thought 2018-19 was busy, 2019-20 has been even busier. This is because I have been more involved, not because I have to, but because I've wanted to.

From the beginning of this fiscal year I have been attending the Council of Governors meetings as an observer; an experience I found enjoyable and fascinating.

Training has been more in depth with six online courses (completed over a three-month period) to provide background knowledge for a two-day course in Birmingham last November.

I recently got back from International Headquarters in Chicago after a week of in-depth brain washing. I had an interesting tour of the HQ building, meeting all the staff we as a District rely on to support us. I also visited the memorial of our founder Melvin Jones.

If you elect me today, I'm due to go to participate at the International Convention in Singapore with a final training session on the last day and to be sworn in as your DG.

This journey has been a whirlwind experience, I feel it's changed me, giving me more confidence and enabling me to know where, and who, has the answers to questions I've had along the way.

The only regret I have is not having as much time to spend with my own Club particularly over Christmas and New Year doing the other things I enjoy.

My other Club visits around the District continue at the same pace with 15 out of 20 completed.

District Governor Jim conveyed his hopes, dreams and aspirations of his vision for the future of the District and my role within that. We have seen some changes which we have all embraced such as re-districting and re-zoning. This is settling down now and going the right way.

I see my job as listening and learning from you, asking what it is you need from our District to enable you to continue doing your great works in your areas, and doing my best to support you. I hope to continue doing just that with your continued support.

2nd Vice-District Governor

Lion Mark Lockie

At the start of my year as 2nd VDG I had several commitments overseas in my work and issues in my personal life most of these are now behind me. Although as I am still working, some commitments may still come up in the coming year.

At this time mid-February, I have completed about 30% of the official visits that I have to complete during my year as 2nd VDG as part of the DG team.

I have been quite shocked with the differences between Clubs, in that the first Clubs I visited last year were very small in number of members but were still servicing their local community. The ones I have visited this year in the last two weeks have been very active and their number of members all have been over 20.

I have been welcomed at all the Clubs and at the moment I have managed to arrive at them all on time. I have found that some may have a name of a nearby town but meet in another. I am looking forward to the next year if I am voted in at the convention and I intend to get the Club visits carried out early in the Lionistic year.

I have found that besides carrying out the duties as the 2nd VDG there are many other duties which have to be attended to i.e. the District Convention committee.

I am looking forward to the training which has to be undertaken both here in the UK and overseas.

I have also been surprised at the amount of resources that are available on-line and the training courses which can be accessed by all.

I am still learning about the function of the Global teams but intend to act where necessary.

To date I have no set plans as the DG in 2021 -2022 but hope to make plans during the next year

District Administration Team

District Secretary/Administrator

PDG Lion Christine Rowe

Since the last Convention

- I have collated the Monthly Mail drop which goes to all Club Secretaries and Presidents. This now only involves District items, as the Multiple District items are sent out to Club presidents and Secretaries in the monthly Newsfeed.
- The District Directory is updated each month as necessary and as I am informed and is distributed as part of the monthly mail drop and is also available on the District website (password protected).
- The MD Directory is available online via the Forum on the MD website, where access is enabled by setting up your password. This year a hard copy was available for each Club
- All Cabinet Reports have been collated and emailed in good time for each meeting.
- All Convention Reports have been collated and are online. There will be information given to each attendee at Convention.
- Multiple District Convention Delegate/Alternate forms collated and forwarded to MD Credentials and Elections Officer by the required date
- Support, information and advice has been given to DG, VDG's, Cabinet Officers and other Lions as requested
- MyLion is now the route for reporting Activities. This has caused many problems this year, not only in this District but around the world. Oak Brook have made some effort to iron out problems, but Secretaries are telling me that the old system used to take about 20 mins to complete, but MyLion now takes 3 hours. Representation has been made to Oak Brook from all levels of the Organisation, so hopefully this will become easier!

Direction for the future

- We need to fully embrace technology and electronic communication, as this will make our organisation more appealing and attractive to the younger members of our communities. Hopefully this will be achieved with the new website
- All Lions need to become familiar with the District, Multiple District and International websites as a source of information, and not have to rely on their Club Secretary to advise them of what is available.
- To encourage all Officers to submit their reports in a timely manner to enable the deadlines to be met.

District Administrator

PDG Lion Christine Rowe

This is a very valuable asset for the District and in my capacity as District Administrator, once again I have been able to assist some Secretaries with input on the MyLCI site, especially when their computer access has been interrupted, either by being away or by technical problems.

As the only person in the District able to amend Club and members details apart from the President and Secretary of a Club; it is a boon to be able to make amendments on behalf of Clubs without having to refer to Oak Brook each time.

It is important for the details of members to be kept up to date as it is from the MyLCI site that the addresses for the mailing of the **LION** are obtained. The MyLCI site is from where details are extracted for mail drops and communications from MDHQ etc. is obtained.

Other nominated Cabinet Officers have Read only access

District Treasurer

PDG Lion Lesley Clarke

Since Last Convention

All District, Multiple District and International dues for the first half of the fiscal year 2019/2020 have been collected and charitable donations received from clubs have been distributed to their intended recipients.

The Annual Accounts for the year to 30th June 2019 have been prepared and formally examined and a budget for the year to 30th June 2021 has been approved by District Cabinet.

Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2019

The accounts for the 2018/2019 fiscal year follow this report. The District Accounts show a deficit of £1,158 and the Convention Accounts show a deficit of £1409. Thus the Accumulated funds stand at £33,333 and £9,912 respectively.

It is proposed to continue to utilise some of the General Fund to finance planned training and recruitment activities and the Convention Reserve enables some subsidy to be applied to the prices for the weekend.

The approval of the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2019 is recommended.

Club Donations

Donations made by Clubs to International, MD and District Appeals in the six months to 31st December 2019 were £15,453.80 than the same period last year:-:

Project

Medic Alert	150.00	Brain Tumour	125.00
Malawi Education	0.00	Korle Bu	0.00
Water Aid	1624.00	Lifeskills	350.00
Lions Sight (Sight Savers)	3710.00	LCIF	13346.66
UNICEF - Edukits	350.00		
UNICEF - Street Children	0.00	Brass 4 Youth Band	450.00
UNICEF - Blankets	0.00	Joint Humanitarian Appeal	0.00
UNICEF - tents	0.00	District Youth Fund	325.00
Other Street Children	200.00	Memory mugs	0.00
MD Youth Programme	2640.00	DG Spouse charity	0.00
MD Disaster Fund	100.00		
LIBRA	750.00		
E F D S	100.00		
SOGB	300.00		
BVUK	200.00		
		TOTAL	£ 24720.66

CIO conversion

Since February 2018 Lion Chris Ford and myself have converted 23 unincorporated clubs and 16 Charitable Trust clubs in 105 SW into CIO's.

Budget for the year ended 30 June 2021

A budget for the year ended 30th June 2021 was approved by Cabinet and supported the resolution to keep the District Dues at the same level of £8.00 p.a. for the fiscal year 2020/21

The budget was based on a membership of 1,250 and included a subsidy from our reserves to support training and membership recruitment activity. Reserves remain more than adequate to underpin any unforeseen shortfall which might arise.

Reappointment of Examiners

As required by our District Constitution, Cabinet, at its August 2019 meeting, approved the reappointment of Baldwins for a further 12 months to independently examine our accounts.

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 105 SW
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019
APPROVAL NOTE**

Statement of members' responsibilities

We confirm that we have prepared financial statements that show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the association and of the deficit for the year.

We confirm that we have kept adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the association's transactions.

We confirm that in so far as we are aware there is no relevant information (information required by the association's accountants in connection with preparing their report) of which the association's accountants are unaware.

This report was approved by the members on ..2nd November and signed on their behalf by

P.Rowe District Governor 2018 - 2019

L Clarke District Treasurer 2018 - 2019

**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE REPORT ON THE UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 105 SW**

To the Members of Lions Clubs International, District 105 SW

We have performed certain procedures in respect of the Club's unaudited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2019 as set out on pages 3 to 7 in order to gather sufficient evidence for our conclusion in this report.

The report is made solely to the clubs members, as a body. It has been released to the members on the basis that this report should not be copied, referred to or disclosed, in whole (save for the members' own internal purposes or as may be required by law or by a competent regulator) or in part, without our prior written consent. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the members those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the members as a body for our work, this report, or the conclusions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities

You have confirmed that you have met your duty as set out in the statement of members responsibilities on page 1. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion, based on our review of the financial statements. We conducted in our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (ISRE) 2400 (revised), Engagements to review historical financial statements and ICAEW Technical Release (TECH 09/13AAF Assurance review arrangements on historical financial statements. ISRE 2400 also requires us to comply with the ICAEW Code of Ethics.

Scope

A review of financial statements in accordance with ISRE 2400 (revised) is a limited assurance engagement. We have performed additional procedures to those required under compilation engagement. These primarily consist of making enquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, applying analytical procedures and evaluating the evidence obtained. The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with international Standards on Audit (UK and Ireland). Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Conclusion

Based on our work nothing has come to our attention to refute the members' confirmation that these financial statements give a true and fair view of the clubs affairs as at 30 June 2019 and of its surplus for the year then ended.

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Davisons Ltd
Chartered Accountants
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Date: 02-Nov-19

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 105 SW
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019**

GENERAL ACCOUNT		<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	Note	£	£
INCOME			
Club dues received		9,080	9,313
Interest received	1	66	40
Surplus on Convention Sales	2	46	106
Sundry- fines, Cent, bank refund		94	226
		<u>9,286</u>	<u>9,685</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Printing & Stationery		144	453
Postage		82	73
Honorarium		900	900
Equipment Reserve		300	300
GMT		396	676
Travel expenses & subsistance		1,897	1,234
Meeting Expenses		540	540
District Training - GLT		359	681
District Convention	3	2,743	2,494
International Relations		561	658
Additional Audit fee 2018		60	
Audit Fee		550	530
GAT		245	
Bert Mason Award/MJF			30
District Forum (Spring) net		682	
District Forum (Autumn) net		534	774
Sundries - regalia		63	184
EGM net		388	
		<u>10,444</u>	<u>9,527</u>
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		<u>(1,158)</u>	<u>158</u>
CONVENTION ACCOUNT			
INCOME			
		£	£
Bookings and Registration fees		26,393	26,097
Less Refunds		(944)	(203)
		<u>25,449</u>	<u>25,894</u>
Interest		20	10
		<u>25,469</u>	<u>25,904</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Accommodation and Meals		27,352	26,685
Convention Expenses	4	1,302	1,527
Administration Expenses	5	1,069	1,369
		<u>29,723</u>	<u>29,581</u>
Less charged to General account	3	(2,743)	(2,494)
Less charged to Youth Fund	9	(102)	(187)
		<u>26,878</u>	<u>26,900</u>
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		<u>(1,409)</u>	<u>(996)</u>

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 105 SW				
		<u>2019</u>		<u>2018</u>
CURRENT ASSETS	Note	£		£
Cash at Bank:				
Current Accounts		10,208		7,876
Convention Account		15		1,445
Barclays		52,911		52,805
		<u>63,134</u>		<u>62,126</u>
Sundry Debtors		(729)		(451)
		<u>62,405</u>		<u>61,675</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Sundry Creditors	7	5,988		2,989
		<u>5,988</u>		<u>2,989</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>56,417</u>		<u>58,686</u>
NET ASSETS REPRESENTED BY:				
Equipment Reserve	8	1,531		1,301
Handover	8	113		21
Competitions	8	1,327		1,251
Youth Activities	9	8,575		8,543
Memory Mugs	10	1,626		1,758
Convention	11	9,912		11,321
		<u>23,084</u>		<u>24,195</u>
ACCUMULATED FUND	11	<u>33,333</u>		<u>34,491</u>
		<u>56,417</u>		<u>58,686</u>

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 105 SW
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	£	£
Note 1 - Interest received		
Barclays	86	50
	86	50
Less Allocated to Convention	20	10
	66	40
Note 2 - Surplus on Convention Sales		
Sales	703	1,022
Cost of Sales	657	916
	46	106
Note 3 - District Convention		
Hospitality	1,674	1,125
Administration Expenses	1,069	1,369
	2,743	2,494
Note 4 - Convention Expenses		
Stationery, Printing, Badges etc	82	38
Audit	110	100
Party Night	620	650
Gala Dinner	220	419
Sundries	114	70
Saturday afternoon activities	156	250
	1,302	1,527
Note 5 - Administration Expenses		
Booklets	-	114
Brass 4 Youth Coach	560	540
Speakers'/Guests' travel	31	37
Stationery etc	28	13
International Guest Sundries	113	225
Sundries & Banners	172	221
Wallets & Pens	165	219
	1,069	1,369
Note 6 - Hospitality		
Accommodation etc	1,181	929
Peace Poster & Young Ambassador Lunches	(102)	(187)
LB4Y meals	595	383
	1,674	1,125

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 105 SW
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019 - continued

	<u>2019</u> £	<u>2018</u> £
Note 7 - Creditors		
Accountancy	660	600
Corporation Tax on Interest	26	13
Sundry Creditors	5,302	2,376
	5,988	2,989

Note 8 - Movements on Funds

	Equipment	Handover	Competitions
Balance as at 30 June 2018	1,301	21	1,251
Interest			
Receipts	300	1,611	220
Transfer from General Account		-	-
	1,601	1,632	1,471
Expenditure	70	1,519	144
Balance as at 30 June 2018	1,531	113	1,327

Note 9 - Youth Activities

	<u>2019</u> £	<u>2018</u> £
Balance as at 30 June 2017	8,543	8,289
Donations from Clubs	818	1,110
	9,361	9,399
Expenditure:		
Young Ambassador (Net)	300	-
Leos - travel		59
Peace Poster Prizes	155	165
P P & YA Conv. Lunches	102	187
Leaflets, Stationery, Pins (Net)		80
Peace Poster Packs (Net)	69	(19)
Yth Exc	103	59
YLIS / LB4Y donation	57	325
	786	856
Balance as at 30 June 2018	8,575	8,543

Note 10 - Memory Mugs Fund

	<u>2019</u> £	<u>2018</u> £
Balance as at 30 June 2018	1,758	1,462
Donations from Clubs		820
	1,758	2,282
Mugs purchased in year	(132)	(524)
Balance as at 30 June 2018	1,626	1,758

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 105SW
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019 - continued

Note 11 - Other Funds

	Accumulated		Convention	
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	£	£	£	£
Balance at 30 June 2018	34,491	34,333	11,321	12,317
Deficit/Surplus for the year	(1,158)	158	(1,409)	(996)
Balance at 30 June 2019	<u>33,333</u>	<u>34,491</u>	<u>9,912</u>	<u>11,321</u>

Note 12 - Donations

During the year donations have been received by the District Treasurer and paid to the relevant charity treasurers in respect of the following:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	£	£
MD Youth programme	3,262	3,460
B V U K	150	1,350
MD 105 Disaster Fund	450	1,450
Sight Conservation Trust	4,395	5,750
Medic Alert	250	350
Water Aid	2,300	2,870
Gift for Living + GFL Refugees	400	2,150
Joint Humanitarian appeal	1,942	780
Korle Bu	-	100
Africa Education	150	250
LIBRA	450	1,050
UNICEF Edukits & Street Children	820	745
Other Street Children	400	400
Special Olympics	250	200
DG's Spouse appeal	3,005	2,024
Lions Brass 4 Youth	1,480	675
EFDS	775	400
Norway Lions	275	
MD Spot Camera	350	
LCIF	12,805	
DG Gift	530	
Hearing Dogs for the Deaf		290
UNICEF Blankets		1,000
UNICEF Tents		200
Yeman Cholora		300
Chestnut Appeal		8,662
	<u>34,439</u>	<u>34,456</u>

Lions Clubs International District 105 SW						
Budget for year ended 30th June 2021						
INCOME						
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	DRAFT	BUDGET	ACTUAL
	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19	2018/19	2017/18	2017/18
Subscriptions	10000	10000	9600	9080	9600	9308
Interest-net of tax	100	100	100	66	400	72
Affinity Card	0	0	0	0	225	0
Convention Sales surplus	100	100	0	46	0	106
Sundry	100	100	100	94	100	222
Contingency(reserves)	5500	4700	4700	0	3975	0
Total	15800	15000	14500	9286	14300	9712
Expenditure						
Convention	3500	3500	3,500	2743	3,500	2494
Travel expenses	2500	2300	1800	1897	1,600	1234
Postage	100	100	100	82	100	73
Website	100	100	100	0	100	0
Print & Stationery	400	400	400	144	400	453
District Meetings	600	600	600	540	600	540
GLT - Leadership	2000	2000	2000	359	2000	681
Autumn Forum(net)	500	500	500	534	500	774
International Relations	600	600	600	561	600	658
GMT - Membership	2500	2500	2500	396	2500	676
Public Relations	50	50	50	0	50	0
GAT	500	0	0	245	0	0
Audit Fee	600	500	500	610	500	530
Equipment/Regalia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Equipment Reserve	300	300	300	300	300	300
Badges & Awards	50	50	50	63	50	184
Sundries	100	100	100	388	100	30
Spring Forum (net)	500	500	500	682	500	0
D G Extra Expenses	500	500	500	500	500	500
1st VDG Extra Expenses	200	200	200	200	200	200
2nd VDG Extra Expenses	200	200	200	200	200	200
Total Expenditure	15800	15000	14500	10444	14300	9527
Anticipated Surplus	0	0	0	-1158	0	185
Dues levied per member	£8.00	£8.00	£8.00	£8.00	£8.00	£8.00
Membership at year end	1250	1250	1200	1220	1200	1143

OVERVIEW

- The District seems to be running relatively smoothly.

OBJECTIVES

- To assist the District Governor in the smooth running of the District.
- To preside at all meetings of the District.
- To assist the District Governor in attaining his goals.
- All objectives have been achieved thus far.

CABINET MEETINGS

- Assisted DG Jim at all Cabinet and ZC meetings thus far.
- As Tail Twister extracted relevant fines.

FORUM

- Agreed format of Forum with DG.
- Sent out and received bookings.
- Liaised with Okehampton Club re College use, bacon butties and lunch arrangements.
- My personal thanks go to all members of Okehampton Club and especially Nelson and Michael Brint. Nelson and his crew for the lunch and Michael for arranging much of the day and boosting me up when I needed it.
- Forum went ahead with only 30 members. but I felt that those who had booked deserved a day of giving and receiving new information.
- There was a change of format over last year in that the workshops and question time were all Service related.
- Much positive feedback after the day.

105SW CONVENTION

- Attended all meetings of Convention Committee.
- Prepared programme for business with DG Jim.
- Gave assistance to Convention Chairman as needed.

HANDOVER

- Arranged venue – Exeter Hotel, Telegraph Hill.
- Issued booking form and received bookings.
- Numbers low.
- Handover is as important as any other District event please come!

My thanks to DG Jim for appointing me to this office and giving the opportunity for getting it right.

1. Since the last convention both Lions David Fitzpatrick and Mark Lockie have carried out their duties as 1st Vice District Governor and 2nd Vice District Governor respectively, with energy and enthusiasm.
2. Both are prepared to move forward , if elected at the convention
3. Unfortunately, at the time writing this report we still do not have a volunteer for 2nd Vice District Governor. Hopefully we may get a volunteer from the floor

Convention Business Chairman

PDG Lion John Sims

OVERVIEW

- Convention 2019 was ably handled by my predecessor PDG Lion David Careswell.
- However, there was an overrun on the budget and economies have had to be made this year – a difficult task!
- A number of obstacles were put in my way before I even took up the reins; the most significant being the date change,

OBJECTIVES

- To deliver the District Governor and membership a meaningful and happy Convention.
- To prepare a workable budget and aim to bring the weekend in on or near budget.
- To make economies where possible to help achieve this.
- To ensure we all have an enjoyable and fun weekend.

DATE CHANGE

- The date change was due to electricity work at the hotel and will involve the whole of Croyde.
- The car park has been filled with massive generators and was not available for us over our usual dates.
- To be sure of our usual hassle-free(!) weekend it was agreed to move the date to 19 to 22 March 2020.
- This has had some impact on numbers but not too much.

BUDGET

- I had some difficulty with the budget due to comparative figures from the previous year not being available.
- However, I managed to set a budget; this was agreed upon by Lion Treasurer PDG Lesley Clarke.

ECONOMIES

- Our DJ for this year is ZC Lion John Atyeo with a significant saving.
- There is no cream tea (a healthy economy).
- The ladies on-site programme has been dropped.

- Cost of the coach for Lions Brass4Youth were investigated and most charges were in the region £700.00. Baker Dolphin at £560.00, who have not changed their fee for several years, was the most economical.
- Other savings are in registration, printing (thanks to 2nd VDG Lion Mark Lockie and his all-singing, all-dancing printer), décor in the dining room, table decorations for Saturday dinner (both thanks to Lion Julie Kemish-Mills and her friendly contact).

BOOKINGS

- Our bookings officer of several years, Lion Mike Hacker, has been unable to continue in the roll. My thanks go to him and Jenny (behind every successful man there is a successful woman) for their work.
- PDG Lion Graham Marshall took on the role who, after some initial teething problems, has managed the bookings efficiently and successfully.
- Numbers will be updated at this Convention, but they appear to be down on last year at the time of writing this report.
- My thanks go to Lion Graham.

COMMITTEE

- I have had a wonderful group of people around me to help and advise. My thanks to them and especially to my all-time volunteers Julie and Steve Kemish-Mills.
- THANK YOU.

Health and Safety Advisor

Lion Kevin Marshall

Insurance Advisor

Lion Kevin Marshall

Progress achieved since last Convention

- Yet again we find ourselves into another convention and I am pleased to inform you one that finds us in a safe and tidy state.
- I have this year received a lot of Health and Safety risk assessments from clubs, for which I am most grateful, the content of which show a vast improvement in quality since I took over the role of Health and Safety, hopefully due to the attendance of our seminars.
- A New Health and Safety Policy for the District has been produced and ratified by District Governor.
- I continue to offer help where needed, but I am delighted to say these are now few and far between.

Overview of direction for following year

- It is still my intension to deliver seminars to all who require them with the intention of bringing all clubs up to a reasonable standard which will ensure safety for all. Any Zones wishing me to attend meetings or hold seminars they should contact me to schedule a visit.

- However, I must stress that we must not get complacent, yes, we are operating within parameters and I intend to keep it that way, all members of the cabinet need to support me in encouraging clubs and members to work safely.
- Insurance has seen a quiet year with again no significant claims or injuries and I feel that this is a result of 105 SW having a good safety record, so keep it up.

Think Safe

Data Protection/Compliance Advisor

PDG Lion Alan Good

As you know I have been critical of the information that was being distributed by the Multiple District on Data protection.

For whatever reason, someone else has taken the reins at MD and I have had emails with Robyn Banks.

Robyn looks like she knows what she is doing and have already made some relevant information available which should have been sent out for the Clubs.

It looks like Robyn is giving everything a thorough look at everything and I would expect changes to be coming to all the information that is currently available.

I hope that more information from Robyn will be coming in the next few months and I will ensure that it is forwarded on to Clubs in our District.

Vulnerable Persons/ DBS Coordinator

Lion Andy Shiner

As we have not had a M.D. meeting for the last two years it is not possible to update my report.

At best all I can say is that when making out the DBS forms please read the instructions carefully and send in the required copy documentation, verified by the Club Secretary or VPO officer.

The Club should keep a record of the forms and verify that everything is OK when the new record is returned, also make sure that the update service is used, this will mean that you do not have to make out a new form in 3 years' time.

Any queries please do not hesitate to contact Ken Hart or myself.

District Almoner

IPDG Lion Peter Rowe

I would ask that Club Secretaries inform me of any member passing to higher service, as soon as possible, so that I can inform the DG, together with the next of kin and funeral details so that the District can pay its respects. (I would rather know twice than not at all!)

Also, I would like to be informed of any past Lion or partner who has passed on, especially, if the wish is that they are to be included in the necrology ceremony at Convention.

All members who have passed to higher service are forwarded to the In Memoriam page at MDHQ for insertion in the next Lion magazine.

If the Club wishes, an obituary can be placed on the Obituary page of the MD website. If this is sent to me with a photo (if desired), I will forward this.

I hold the Lions coffin drape, if this is required by the family for the funeral. The second drape is held by Lion Dennis Peters of Weston-super-Mare Club, this is so that we can cover both ends of the District.

Unfortunately, (at the time of writing) there has been sixteen notifications of deaths since last Convention, nine serving Lions, six past Lions plus one partner of a Lion.

MMR Coordinator

IPDG Lion Peter Rowe

It is still necessary to file the MMRs before the end of the month, to ensure that the Club remains in good standing. The membership figures as on the 31st December and 30th June are the numbers for which your Club will be billed for all International, Multiple District and District dues for the following 6 months.

Due to the strict privacy policy of MD105 (which I am told by Oak Brook is the strictest in the world) once a Lion is dropped, then all their personal details are removed from the LCI site after 39 days. Their LCI number remains the same, and they are listed as a 'former member'. This means that should they wish to re-join or transfer to another Club, their service details will be maintained. They need to know their LCI number as is always unique to them. (encourage them to keep their membership card, as this is on there)

If a member is listed as 'At Large', 'Affiliate' or 'Honorary', then they must be amended to 'Regular' member before being dropped, otherwise they cannot be reinstated in any way in the future, meaning that as a 'new' Lion, they may lose their service history

MyLion

This is now the route for recording activities.

It is different from the 'old' way of reporting, and I know that some Secretaries are finding it difficult, however the majority have taken this in their stride and are successfully recording their Club activities.

There is no longer a printout available each month, but a culminative total of each activity and signature project.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Secretaries who make my life easier by filing their reports early during the month, so I don't have to include them in my chase towards the end of the month.

Environmental Co-ordinator

Lion Jerry Dawkins

Protecting Our Environment.

What can we do to protect our environment?

Some of the things we can do ourselves, reduce, reuse, and recycle. Cut down on what we throw away.

As Lions we can Volunteer to help in our communities, with Beach cleans, Rubbish collections in Local Parks.

We can Educate – The Ocean Plastic Books we sponsored with in the local schools in our areas.

1. Duffy's Lucky Escape
2. Marli's Tangled Tale
3. Nelson's Dangerous Dive

We could ask in our communities if there are areas for Tree Planting-Help to combat climate change.

A Bright Idea-:

Use long-lasting light bulbs. – Energy efficient light bulbs reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

World Earth Day – April 22nd

What can you and your Club do to get involved-: Help in your Community with a Litter Pick or maybe a Beach Clean.

All Clubs are encouraged to get involved.

District Global Action Team

Global Action Team District Chairman

DG Lion Jim Partridge-Hogbin

Global Leadership Team Co-ordinator

Lion Debbie Davis-Briggs

After consultations with many Lions and learning from previous year's poor attendance it has been decided to hold an Incoming officers training evening in Dorset, Devon, Cornwall. With the County of Cornwall having two evenings in Truro and St Austell as it is a large County. I will be holding other venues for Dorset in Street probably at The Bear and Devon will be in Exeter probably at The Ley Arms.

I have decided after consulting with Lion Lesley Clark and Lion Steve Morris to combine the President training with the trustee and treasurer training, for a whole day in Exeter, venue to be arranged.

The dates for these sessions to be delivered are: - Generic Incoming Officers Training.

Friday May 1st 7 pm – 9 pm (ish)

Friday May 8th 7 pm – 9 pm (ish)

Friday May 16th 7 pm – 9 pm

Friday May 23rd 7 – 9 pm

Presidents, Trustee and Treasurer training Sat 30th May 10 – 3pm (approx.)

Actions to be completed by the end of Feb.

- Format the training and acquire the venues and refreshments.
- Organise Trevor from IT to help me put together a guide to using MyLion website.
- Acquire guest officers old and new at the incoming officers training for Q and A sessions after presentation.
- To provide a maildrop for all Lions in 105 SW with details of the training and how to access online training. I will forward this to Christine for circulation once training has been completed.

The format of my training will be - an introduction to the Lion officer's roles and the website. Showing how it is extremely helpful if used well. This will follow with handouts to take away, refreshments and a social Q and A session enabling members to network, so any further questions will and can be answered by contacting other members.

Creating a supportive environment for all Lions. both new and old members coming to terms with new technology and the expectations of a roles.

All training will be advertised by a mail drop at the end of Feb, March and April. As well mass emails to all SW members at the same time.

Lion Lesley and Steve will be delivering the President and Trustee, treasurer training which they have kindly agreed to do.

This is still in preparation stages so plans are likely to be slightly changed but the format will stay much the same.

Global Membership Team Co-ordinator

Lion Sue Miller

The period of time between 2019 Convention and my taking up the Office of GMT, was spent consolidating District 105 SW, revising Zones, this only affected 4 Zones, focussing on travel times and ensuring Club numbers were distributed evenly.

There was also an MD, GMT meeting, which I received the minutes of, which was a useful guide to MD's plans for Membership for my term of office.

Which is most important to a Club's longevity, Membership, Retention, or Service? Debatable! Our Clubs will not survive unless all are treated with equal importance.

My role was to be of support to all Clubs, which is my target for the next 2 years. I introduced myself, either personally, or by email to Zone Chairs, who are now part of GAT. I asked for their support, to keep me aware of their Clubs, highs, and lows. The reports I receive after visits by Zone chairs and our District team, have proved to be a useful guide into the dynamics of the Club. Although membership figures are tangible evidence as to numbers, this does not reflect the Club's ability to Serve its community. Clubs work very hard to sustain the level of respect that only hard work, loyalty and commitment to their community has earned them.

I had in this first year hoped to provide a membership training focussing on Counties, to cut down travel time, but this sadly has not materialized. So, I have produced a further "Ideas" crib sheet, to focus on the first R of my previous Three RRR's, Recruitment, Retention and Results, the sheet I produced in September.

It will be distributed as before to Zone chairs to be passed on to appropriate Clubs.

The sheet has ideas for Recruitment, I have asked for feedback and "What Works for us" suggestions, which I shall collate, and make available for Membership teams to refer to in the future.

New Clubs, I have, with a small team, been working very hard trying to form a new Club in Somerset's county town Taunton, but with little success, so we are now focussing on a large village with an active community, who have the ability to sustain and support a Lions Club situated on the outskirts of Bridgewater.

I have a meeting booked with the officer for Somerset's Young Farmers Clubs, as this is a new venture for Lions to work together with an organization that Serves its community. These young people have to leave at 26, so there is an opportunity to encourage support for each other, with a view to joining Lions.

There has been a definite move for the future with one all male club for over 50 years, now has 3 very committed lady Lions.

So, all eyes to the future, anything can be achieved, especially by a Lion!

This has been both an exciting and challenging year as we come to terms with the change in our district and the new focus on 5 areas of service, whilst not discounting the numerous other areas we are dealing with.

Keeping abreast of what the Clubs in our district are doing has been made all the harder by the removal of the MAR forms that Clubs were familiar with and would send onto me.

After several frustrating months, I have come up with a plan that hopefully means no extra administration/paperwork for Clubs and possibly an even greater feedback than the old system: I have asked the Zone chairpersons to send me the Club reports from their zone meetings which will give us a fuller picture of just what service projects are being undertaken.

Vision: 5 people from the district have attended the initial training for the eye screening in Birmingham.

Now the pilot schemes have all been run successfully and have given a very clear indication of the need for this project, we are just awaiting NHS England who need to sign it off before we can officially launch it in the District.

The DG's wife's appeal will be to help fund purchase of our first camera and match grant funding from LCIF is also being sought.

Other vision projects across the district vary from the spectacle recycling; support for Sight Savers and the very impressive talking newspaper which has been carried out by Crediton Lions, only missing 1 week over the past 5 years.

We must also not forget the visually impaired bowls tournament held annually at Weston and supported by local Lions.

Diabetes: Diabetes awareness and screening have been carried out by many Clubs at County events, public events and individually.

City of Wells followed up their awareness day with a series of very popular healthy food preparation demonstrations.

The pull up banner for Diabetes has been well used across the district. New leaflets are available from MDHQ.

Environment: Many Clubs have areas in their vicinity that they pledge to care for.

In many cases these are planters and in some it is areas of park, woodland or pathways.

The books about Plastics in the Oceans have been exceptionally well received and the flow up book on the issue of Palm Oil is now available.

Currently, with help from quite a few clubs, particularly Launceston and Budleigh Salterton, Crewkerne recycle on average 95 kg of milk bottle tops and 100 trigger sprays per month.

Batteries, newspapers and ink jet cartridges are also regularly recycled by Clubs.

Hunger: The need for Food banks has increased at quite an alarming rate and many Lions Clubs have stepped up to give their support both financially and physically.

Ivybridge and other Clubs in their vicinity carry out a soup run for homeless people and most Clubs report that they make special provision for elderly people at Christmas either with a social event with food or by donating hampers to those who will be alone with very little.

Food waste is an issue that affects not only hunger but also the environment and following the lead from other districts I will be looking at the issue of Gleaning and identifying possible venues for this in 105SW.

Childhood Cancer: Sadly, the planned Charity Ball due to be held in Birmingham in May, has had to be cancelled due to upfront payment demands made by the venue. This means, as a project, MD has fallen behind where they had hoped to be.

So, any Clubs undertaking a fund-raising event for this would be warmly appreciated.

There are supporting leaflets and a Pull up banner that can be used to advertise this. Lion Lesley Chudley will be selling a quiz to fund raise for this at Convention and I have a supply of the special pins.

Other work for childhood cancer is also be carried out by clubs supporting The Children's Hospice South West and special cancer units.

As you can see, 105 MD has risen to the challenge of service in the 5 main areas identified but this is just the tip of the iceberg.

Prostate Screening has been carried out by Cheddar Vale and other Clubs. A new MD Officer, a survivor of the disease, has been appointed and is very keen to help any Club also wishing to organise one.

Mole screening is another health-related initiative being very successfully run out by Honiton Club.

The fortnightly Health Centre run at Junction 24 by Weston Super Mare Lions was given the royal seal of approval when it was officially opened by The Princess Royal. It has seen 361 people and referred over 60 for doctor consultations. These are largely agricultural workers who would not have otherwise sought medical advice.

Work with dementia sufferers is covered by many Clubs such as Exeter who support a Memory Café and Yeo Valley who run "Music for the Brain".

These are just a few of the areas of service to groups of people. Included in the groups we serve are the many marshalling and car parking duties carried out, not to mention the joy brought to countless young, or young at heart, people with our Santa sleighs.

On top of that are, quite literally hundreds of times, individual families or individual people are helped in a way that improves their lives. As a district we can put our hands on our hearts and say, "We Serve".

I would just add a personal plea on behalf of anyone in the future who takes on the position of GST Co-ordinator. As you can see it is a huge portfolio and at present it is necessary to meet quarterly. Due to the rules of audit, only 1 trip to MDHQ per year is covered with another at the DG's discretion. That means at least 2 have to covered at the expense of the officer. I would ask that district look at this and support their DO in attending these meetings.

Campus Club Co-ordinator

IPDG Lion Sally Marsh

Why do we need Campus Clubs?

Many Lions comment that the average age of their Club does not help when inviting young adults to become Lions. Campus Clubs give us the ideal opportunity to invite young adults to become Lions. These young members will be the ones to carry our banner twenty-five years from now. Upon graduating 3 or 4 (annually) may transfer to a local Club, or they will be the start of new young adult club in the communities they relocate to. These young members will be the ones to carry our banner 25 years from now.

How does the Lions club benefit?

Involvement with enthusiastic young people who are able to help the parent club with new ideas and manpower.



So how does starting a Camps Club work and where are we as District 105SW?

Work on setting up a Campus Club started in July for our new district. Contact was made with Keynsham and District Lions with the prospect of them becoming the parent Club. This was agreed and contact was made with Bath Spa Students Union, explaining about Campus Clubs, then plans were made to have a table at Bath Spa Universities Welcome Fair on September 25th. At the end of the day we had the names of 96 interested students. An excellent start. There have been several meetings with the Students Union since which have been the cause of the delay in starting the Club.

The Students Union organised a Charities Day on October the 19th, which I attended, unfortunately this took place at a time when lectures were on. So, most students were unable to attend. I did receive apologies from some students who I had contacted prior to the event. Due to the errors the SU made with regard to the event I have now been invited to the Volunteers Fair on February 19th. I have been told that they have planned a better location and time. I will attend with the Campus Club display and information materials and this time I will have the place, date and time of the follow up information meeting organised in advanced and not rely on the SU. Students do not like hanging around waiting for things to happen.

I have 2 members of Keynsham and District who will be the guiding Lions when the Campus Club starts, either as a Club branch or a fully chartered Campus Club.

Following on from this initial Campus Club I will be looking at where there are opportunities throughout 105SW for the future. If you or your club are interested in finding out more for your local university or 18+ college, please get in touch.

Communications Team

Webmaster

Lion Trevor Munro

Welcome to my usual light-hearted annual convention report, as always if your Club want to raise any questions with me then I'm at the end of a telephone or an email (once I've got an internet connection)

The last Lions year has been busy! We re-branded our district website, the district website is exactly how we want it to be for the next Lionistic year, for the eagle-eyed Lion out there you'll notice that our district website now looks similar to the MD website.

The district website hosting account still has various "subsites", the district effectively host websites for Clubs across the district, this model is fully expandable so we can host websites for whichever Clubs need support.

Social media is by far one of the best tools that a Club can be using, gone are the days of only using a website to promote your Club; you have to look at the various mediums being used across the generations that we are working with in our communities.

Clubs across the district should now be posting news stories to their websites and then sharing them to social media.

Various towns across the district have their own Facebook groups and pages and this is the kind of areas where you should be pitching your media stories, if you've raised that money, if you've supplied Message in a Bottles, if you've provided a service, then you're local Facebook groups and pages are the place to post it.

*“The true **power of social media** is influence. **Social media** provides an avenue for companies to not only engage with customers, but also influence them with the right content that helps them make a decision”*

<https://www.pedowitzgroup.com/the-power-of-social-media/>

Finally, as this report comes to an end, I can reflect on the whole year and having just moved to a new house, I suddenly realise how adult life really is for someone my age. If you've got younger members in your Club remember that life pressures across the age groups can be different.

You can use the skills of your younger members in other ways if they're not able to come to a meeting or not able to volunteer for that bucket collection or that one off fundraising event on a weekday.

Maybe they can co-ordinate those media campaigns, maybe they can produce those posters or social media posts, ultimately find out their skills and interests and harness them to meet the needs of your Club.

Marketing and PR

Newsletter Editor

Lion Colin Comber

I would firstly like to thank all the members who send in articles for the Newsletter. Informing us all about what their groups are doing and showing us the different ways they fund raise and showing us all how much they are enjoying their experiences.

As a relatively new Lion and Newsletter editor, I am currently trying to learn what you would like included in it, and accept not everything is possible to include, but I am open minded.

I accept items to include up until 16th of each month, to then get it collated and checked by our District Governor by 19th. Then it is sent to our distributor. Obviously a few days passes as it does take us all time to collate check and distribute.

It would be great to see more groups put in articles as it is your Newsletter.

LION Liaison/Distribution Officer

Lion Michael Brint

There have been a reasonable number of items submitted for publication, but I would ask members to keep sending in items of interest.

I would like to ask that members make sure that all photographs sent for possible publication are at least 1mb and 300dpi. Anything less will not be accepted.

If Clubs wish to submit an obituary for a Lion who has passed to higher service, please send it to the District Almoner, Lion Peter Rowe.

Please remember that if any Clubs wish wives/partners of deceased Club members to continue to receive copies of The Lion, they need to notify me with details and The Lion will be delivered to them, at the Club's expense.

International Relations

International Relations Co-ordinator

PDG Lion David Atkins

Progress since last District Convention

- Clubs continue to support numerous International Projects with Water Aid and Lions Sightsavers being the principle recipients. However, in addition there are many other international projects helped with donations that are brought to the attention of individual Clubs by members of their own communities.
- In March 2019 our then District Governor Lion Peter and his wife Lion Christine attended the Spring Convention of our twin district in Perros Guirec accompanied by another couple. As ever they were made most welcome.
- The cause for our Joint Humanitarian Appeal (JHA) this last year with our twin district in 103 Ouest France was our own **Gift For Living** and it raised £1942. The chosen project supports youngsters with various levels of intellectual disability in a school in Sarajevo where they need both craft tools and musical instruments that can be used in activities to help stimulate them.

Direction for the following year

- To encourage Clubs to continue supporting International projects of all kinds remembering that we are part of The International Association of Lions Clubs.
- To continue to foster the twinning with our fellow Lions in 103 Ouest France.
- To encourage clubs to support the Joint Humanitarian Appeal undertaken with our twin district in France. The cause chosen by our French friends this year is **Amité-Vendée-Haiti**. The association was created 40 years ago, works in the mountains in Haiti and its objective is to support the education of the children, provision of their uniform and supplying a midday meal, often the only meal of the day. Currently it is supporting 113 children.
- Our District Governor will be attending the French District Convention and hopefully they will be represented at ours in Croyde.
- Our District will be represented at the UN Day in the Palace of Westminster on 12th March.

Dates for the coming year

- District 103 Ouest Convention in Brest – 27th to 28th March 2020
- International Convention in Singapore – 26th to 30th June 2020
- Europa Forum in Thessaloniki, Greece – 1st to 3rd October 2020
- International Convention in Montreal, Canada – 25th to 29th June 2021
- Europa Forum in Zagreb, Croatia – 28th to 30th October 2021
- International Convention in New Delhi, India – 1st to 5th July 2022

LCIF Coordinator

PDG Lion David Atkins

Progress since last District Convention

- The **Lions Clubs International Foundation** (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 service projects and grants”.
- The key areas of activity of LCIF, **Our** Foundation, are:
 - Vision
 - Serving Youth
 - Diabetes
 - Meeting Humanitarian Needs

- Providing Disaster Relief
- Environment
- Childhood Cancer
- Hunger
- **Campaign 100:** LCIF Empowering Service is now in its third year with two more to go and has to date raised nearly half of its objective of \$300 million of which 60% has come from Clubs in the Orient and South East Asia.
- There is much emphasis on model Clubs, the definition of which is a Club whose donations over the period of Campaign 100 are equivalent to at least \$500 per member.
Our Area Leader, Past International Director Lion Howard Lee and our Multiple District LCIF Co-coordinator Lion Andy Pemberton have written to selected Clubs in each district encouraging them to become model clubs. It will be interesting to see how many of our Clubs accept the challenge!
- During the calendar year 2019, 49 Clubs in the District donated £24,500 which was a 63% increase on the previous year – an outstanding result and a big thank you.
- There are 9 Clubs in the District who have not donated to our Foundation since Campaign 100 was launched in July 17 and of those 4 Clubs have not donated in the last 5 years.
- During the last 12 months I have been able to talk directly to members of 13 Clubs and I have made presentations at our District Convention and Incoming Officers Spring Forum.
- I attended a two-day District LCIF Co-ordinators seminar in Paris in October that was both informative and enjoyable providing me with both ideas and motivation.
- There have been no Multiple District meetings this year due to the ongoing health issues of the Multiple District Officer.
- I will be attending a meeting of District Governor Teams and District LCIF Co-ordinators in Birmingham in February at which Past International President Lion Frank Moore will be present. He is the Vice Chair of Campaign 100 and I am sure will be “revving” everyone up to maintain our efforts.
- Clubs will have received a significant amount of information on recent appeals direct from LCIF during the year as well as flyers and Newsletter items from me.
- I have contacted all Zone Chairmen offering to make presentations at their quarterly meetings, but I have not been inundated by the response to date but thank you to those who have invited me to join their meetings.
- I have also had direct contact with 11 Clubs who have not donated for a number of years and had a mixed response to date but there have been two invitations to Club meetings.
- The Clubs in the District hold “credits” for Melvin Jones Fellowships (MJF) amounting to over US\$ 324k. This means donations already made by individual Clubs can be used to award 291 MJF’s. The decision to use these credits is entirely at each individual Club’s discretion.
- Currently there are no outstanding LCIF grants within District 105SW and I am not aware at the time of writing of any potential applications for grants.

Direction for the following year

- My personal “target” is still that we can make **all** members aware of **our** International Foundation and that they talk proudly and knowledgably about it.
- To encourage members, Clubs and Zone Chairmen to invite me to speak about LCIF at meetings of all types. I am quite happy to travel to speak even if for only ten minutes but please ensure you let me know how long you want me to speak so that I can tailor the presentation to suit.

Alert/Emergency

Lion Carol Wells

I would like to thank District Governor Jim firstly for offering me the position of District Emergency Officer for Devon and would also like to thank Lion Lesley Clarke for her hard work previously.

Following on from Lesley I have made contact with the Emergency Services and Local Councils to try establishing a formal contact; however, this doesn't seem to have developed further.

Hurricane Dorian Collection

I was able to arrange a collection for the victims of Hurricane Dorian and I would like to thank all Clubs that made contributions.

Australia Disaster Fund

Following MD donation to the Australian Disaster Fund I would like to encourage all Clubs in the District to Pay £50 back to the MD Disaster fund in order return the fund to it's previous balance.

Following a request from a Lion Keith Ford for help in establishing an Emergency Plan for his District. I was able to guide him through the process we have informally got in place for Devon.

Lion Denis Peters

I have completed The Somerset Protection Course in the last quarter. This consisted of training with the Police, Fire Brigade, Ambulance Service and Disaster Warnings.

As result we have made sure the Somerset Levels are safe after the December storms. Although there was and still is localised flooding, no residential properties have been effected. The winter watch will continue.

On the 15th of October, HRH the Princess Anne attended and officially opened The Derek Mead Treatment Room, At the Cattle Mart named Junction 24 18 months ago. He wanted to help the local Farming Community who may be suffering with Mental Illness.

One farmer a Week dies as a result through stress.

The Lions have manned and supported this Project throughout with the help of qualified Medical staff.

This exercise has been such a success that I have been asked to help on another Project. The Princes Trust have recognised the good results we have achieved, and want to back and Support their own a similar Program.

To conclude, Derek Mead was tragically killed in a recent farming accident. Sadly he will have missed the number of people who passed through the Clinic. This averages 12 to 15 a session, twice a month.

As you will have been well aware Storm Ciara has hit Somerset and the remainder of the south west, trees and overhead cables appear to be the major problem during the storm.

2nd VDG Lion Mark Lockie

As the Alert Officer for Dorset I have tried to get in touch since August 2019 with Dorset Council, but due to the large changes in the local government they have arranged a meeting in March 2020. When I have been to that meeting I will report on same

Lion Andrew Brownhill

No actions have been required yet this year.

With the predicted climate changes over the next few years, this post may come more significant.

So, I feel now is the time to build a sound foundation, so we are ready to go if needed.

Competitions Team

Environmental & Photographic

Lion Veronica Whittle

This has been a successful year for entries, up on last year. The rules were relaxed slightly to encourage Lions to send their photos in.

Six clubs sent a total of 29 photos, all of a high standard. These were independently judged by a local professional photographer, Andrew Priddy.

Category winners will be announced at Convention in March. These winning entries will be sent to MD to be entered into the national competition. These winners will be announced at MD Convention in May.

Thanks to all who entered. Here's to even more entries next year.

Quiz & Skittles

Lion Kevin Moore

Following on from the completion of last year's competitions, Mike Tregaskes, the then Coordinator for the Skittles and Quiz competitions, stood down due to failing health: sadly, passing away in August.

Speaking with Mike prior to his death, we discussed various aspects including the frustrations he felt with Clubs failing to submit applications to compete on time, ignoring requests for results or playing games of Skittles or rounds in the Quiz when it suited them and not to his timetable.

At a Cabinet Meeting, there complaints raised as to the distances (and times involved) Clubs were expected to travel in an evening and the number of cases where there were disputes to the answers given in the Quiz Competition.

In taking on the role, I wanted to make both competitions sociable events (where the meeting of two or more Clubs was as important as the result), where no-one had to travel too far in the early rounds (not as easy as it sounds) and games were played in mini-leagues so that you should play at least three rounds rather than one game and be knocked out.

In looking back at my initial aims I failed to encourage more teams to enter – this was in the main a failure in communications: there were many complaints that application forms had not been received. When discussing events, it came to light that in some Clubs, forms were not passed on, forms had not been received as changes of information pertaining to a Club had not been passed on to the relevant District Officer.

Application forms for the next competition will go out in May and June this year in the Monthly District Mail Drop, via Cabinet & Zone Meetings and a separate mail drop to every Club President and Secretary – the closure date will be adhered to: as will the date by which all results need to be reported back.

I have asked for feedback from the Clubs participating this year – in the main, the majority of people have liked the changes and complemented the fact that disputes over answers have all but dis-appeared and that there is a system in place for a review.

Another comment was the choice of Topic for the rounds – Disney: some liked other loathed it one member answered all questions correctly as they entertain their grandchildren by going to the cinema a lot. I would like to express my gratitude to my daughter for being the question Diva: for not only drawing up the questions but also carrying out a second check to ensure that answers are correct. We have tried to select a broad spectrum of topics and within each to cover a wide age range. Of the 10 questions, we try to find 6 questions that the majority will get right, 2 or 3 to test the team's knowledge plus the one 'stinker'.

One suggestion over which I have no control, is that Teams get together after or during the evening and have a supper. Whilst in favour this suggestion, I realise that the costs involved are outside the budget I have to operate within, so it is up to the Clubs involved at each round.

As I type this report on a very wet Sunday afternoon, I am in the process of finding a venue for the finals and date preferably suitable for both the Skittles and Quiz finals.

As we draw to the conclusion of the competitions a lot of lessons have learned to improve the competitions and I look forward to seeing more Clubs entering both

Travelling Lion

Lion Claire Curtis

As you are aware from the Cabinet meeting, this year's Travelling Lion competition has been suspended for this year.

And we look to relaunch this in March.

Welfare & Community Services

Medic Alert & Message in a Bottle

Lion David Lyon

Message in a Bottle.

Since the last convention the distribution problems that we had suffered now seemed to be resolved.

All Clubs in the district are actively engaged in the distribution of bottles, I have also had requests from individuals and have provided bottles when required from a half box of bottles.

With the redistricting 105SW. we now have a very large area to cover and I have been actively engaged in trying to set up distribution points in every county.

Thanks, must go to PDG. Lion Fred Broom for acting as a distribution point for Zone I and to PDG. Lion Lesley Clarke who holds a stock of bottles for Cornwall.

I would still like to set up a distribution point for the North Devon Area.

The Lions of Tiverton have not only set up a collection point for spectacles with a local pharmacy, but the chemists are also very keen to be involved with Message in a bottle. There is now a lot of promotional material that Lions can obtain from Birmingham. There is now a banner that can be bought by Clubs for MiaB; cost is £80.00 and again can be purchased from H.Q.

Overall the MiaB. Scheme has gone from strength to strength with many surgery's and outlets very keen to participate.

Message in a Bottle is now 21 years old and to celebrate this milestone it is hoped that the form can now be taken into the digital age.

Medic Alert

I have been in contact with the Multiple District officer (Lion John Sutherland) and thanks to John he has sent me some information not only on Medic Alert but also on the Lions Early Start Programme.

The Early Start programme is sponsored by Lions Clubs International 105 MD and £300 provides full membership for a child until their 10th. Birthday.

Membership provides each child with a personnel electronic record that securely stores their information including comprehensive medical history, directives or precautions to ensure fast and accurate first care decisions in an emergency.

Each child also receives their first item of Medic Alert jewellery free of charge.

In July 2019 Medic Alert/Lions celebrated its 55th. Anniversary with this in mind Medic Alert have offered to match every two children funded by Lions Clubs with one more from their central charity fund, this means for every £300.00 donated not only will one child benefit but we are halfway to supporting another, therefore for £600.00 donated to this programme by Lions Clubs three children will receive places on the programme.

This funding will run until the end of July 2020.

I would like to hear from any Clubs that are partaking in the scheme or have made a donation to this worthwhile project.

If any clubs require any further information, then please contact.

PDG Lion John Sutherland MJF johnsuth2016@gmail.com

I have also been in contact with Medic Alert and spoken to Collette Smith Collette is sending me a lot more information which I hope to have in time for convention.

If Clubs need any further information please contact Collette:

Collette's phone number is 01908 951044 csmith@medicalert.org.uk

Sight & Hearing

Lion Karina Wells

Firstly, I wish to thank District Governor Jim and his team for giving me the opportunity to take on the role of Sight and Hearing Officer.

Due to ongoing medical issues I haven't been able to give this post the full attention that I felt it deserves

I attended Zone H Zone meeting in August and did a short presentation on both Hearing and Sight and got a very variable response. I brought to the Zone attention that I was hoping to raise funds to support the training of a Guide Dog however this hasn't been successful.

Eye Camera: I have been in contact with Lion Lesley Chudley and like to thank her for advising me on the success of the trials.

I hope that all Clubs will support Lion Rosemary's Charity this year which is the Eye Camera. The Camera will be available at convention and a presentation will also take place.

Recycling of glasses:

At present Chichester is struggling to deal with the backlog of glasses waiting for processing but please keep sending them in.

Hearing

I would like to thank all the Clubs that continue to supply second-hand hearing aids and would encourage this to continue.

Diabetes

Lion Barry Merrifield

Over the past year Clubs have raised Diabetes Awareness by holding various events throughout the District, which has helped reach and meet the Global Target of a Million people screened.

Events have ranged from inviting the public to events such as:- meetings, advice, screenings and dietary and cooking demonstrations. These events have been held using invited staff experienced in the medical knowledge of Diabetes.

From the feedback I have been feed it has demonstrated the importance of well advertising the event using all the media available from; papers, radio, flyers and links with Professional Medical staff.

Diabetes is on the increase and effects all ages. The two main things that can help prevent the onset of the Disease is Exercise and Diet. So if we wish to assist to raise the awareness of Diabetes, Clubs can aim to work in these two fields. Grants are available and here is possibly one below.

<https://www.ukcommunityfoundations.org/our-network>

Childhood Cancer/Head & Neck Cancer

Lion John Banks

Since last year's Cabinet a lot has happened within Multiple District in respect of Cancer. There is now an MD Officer and I am looking forward to hearing what she has to say at our Convention.

Having obtained information from CLIC Sargent, Children with Cancer UK and Children's Hospice South West where I have helped at several functions for them.

Clubs within our District still make donations to these Organisations.

I will be seeking to request that when we make future donations that we specifically state they are for Children with the above-mentioned Cancers. Naturally this will be with the District Governor's permission.

Unfortunately, I have still not heard officially, that we may help CLIC Sargent with decoration and maintenance jobs in the "HOME FROM HOME" centre in Bristol.

However, I have now been advised that we may help with days out for the family and a child by sponsoring them.

MD105 has partnered with Brain Tumour Research to raise £1 million over the next 4 years. Having received details this information will be sent to all Clubs in our District. Let us hope that the target is reached! It will be an exciting challenge for Lions.

The other option is for Clubs in our District to make a donation to LCIF for Childhood Cancer.

Let us all have a good year and maybe when we have fundraising events, we make one or two for Brain Tumour Research.

Life Skills/Street Children

**Lion Jean Langmead
Lion Denise Comber**

The Company

Lions Life Skills is now in its eighth year of trading and income from 1/7/19 to 31/12/19 was £11,253.25. Of this total, £9,640.80 came from Lions and the remaining £1,612.45 from schools and other organisations purchasing directly from the Company.

Following last year's Convention, many sales continued to arise from the Healthy Schools programmes, 105 SE's links with 'Safety in Action', 105 BN's 'Proceeds of Crime' application for supplying Life Skills resources on drugs and alcohol, and the 'Life Skills for Africa' scheme.

However, during the year, these successful Lions' initiatives all ended after varying lengths of time. Then, at the end of December, 'School Aid', which had been transporting Life Skills resources to Africa, closed after 21 years of improving literacy for disadvantaged children in several African countries, thereby bringing to an end a mutually beneficial partnership, which had worked very well.

Projects within Lions Clubs and the establishment of partnerships with other organisations are key factors for further progress, so Lion Mandy Broadbent, Life Skills Administrator, Marketing and PR Officer, does a great deal of work researching, exploring possibilities, using social media and networking appropriately. Hence, during 2019, Lions Life Skills became a member of the PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) Association, the Institute of Health Promotion and Education, the Sex Education Forum and the Child Bereavement Network. Lions Lifeskills was also approached by the School Education Unit based at Exeter University in connection with an article on substance abuse among teenagers.

Life Skills resources can be valuable to many people, so, to facilitate channels of communication and promotional work, a new website (www.lionslifeskills.co.uk) was completed during 2019. Three resources ('Life Changes 1', 'World of Drugs' and 'World of Tobacco') were revised to keep them up-to-date and new resource sheets were printed. Much continues to be done to make links and take the Company forward.

Some partnership links can take many months, as happened with Life Skills' 2-plus years of negotiations with the 'Stand Against Violence' charity to see if our 'Life Changes 2' resource on loss, change and bereavement for 11-16 year olds could link in with their violence prevention workshops in schools. Unfortunately, this did not ultimately prove possible, despite much good will on both sides, but both are willing to promote each other's work in some circumstances in the future.

Meanwhile, 105 SE's partnership with the '7 Billion Ideas' organisation has continued for the third consecutive year. Lions help with their 'ROAR' project, which encourages children to think up innovative ideas for changing the world. 105 CE Lions are also taking part now,

both linking in with relevant schools and presenting prizes, thereby raising the profile of Lions and Life Skills among children, parents and teachers.

Lion Mandy has also been liaising with Lions Quest regarding proposed training sessions for Wakefield Youth Centre on their 'Skills for Adolescence' programme. The Centre provides 1-1 support, mentoring, group work, outdoor activity and social action projects for vulnerable and disadvantaged young people aged 10-25. The Lions Quest skills programme will be part of the youth centre's schoolwork and discussions are continuing. Lion Mandy has also been to the annual Lions Quest meeting in Europe, this year in Ukraine, on behalf of Lions Life Skills and more details will follow.

It has been another busy and varied year for Lions Life Skills.

Our District

It has been a fairly quiet year for 105 SW, partly due to health and other restrictions affecting how much I could do for our District.

Nevertheless, there have been some successes and goals achieved and considerable promotional work and awareness-raising has taken place.

Since last year's Convention, District sales have amounted to £209.80, all for purchases of 'Life Changes' resources on loss, change and bereavement but for three different organisations.

In March Portishead Lions Club donated 'Life Changes 2' (for 11-16 year olds) to the town's Youth Centre with whom they have strong links and, in June, Cheddar Vale Lions Club presented 'Life Changes 1' (for 5-11 year olds) to Cheddar First School. This will also be available for the pre-school attached to it. In both cases, Lions made the initial contact; the former to add to resources given in the past; the latter following a Zone L talk I gave in 2018, details from which were taken back to the Club.

November's purchase of both 'Life Changes' books was slightly different as they were purchased directly by a member of a Christian organisation called 'Safe Families', though there was still a Lions link. She had been a teacher in a school where three siblings were in a difficult family situation and had met one of Crewkerne Lions, who told her about the resources and gave me relevant contact details, which I followed up. The organisation is hoping to expand in our District, so there may be other opportunities to help in the future.

Lions Clubs are well-placed to raise awareness and offer Life Skills resources within their local communities, especially if they maintain their connections with schools, youth groups and charities.

Therefore, in June, I met with Weston-Super-Mare Lions' Welfare Chair to discuss Lions Life Skills and provided him with resource sheets and flyers for consideration. They have one of the primary schools they support in mind and will follow this up in due course.

Two other Clubs requested details from me themselves; Exeter Lions Club for information for one of the City's secondary schools and Exeter West Lions Club following a talk given to the Club by a teacher/counsellor working for a new organisation called 'Bounce', which helps children with autism. All have received material by post to take forward if needed and Seaton Lions Club have information and a copy of 'Life Changes 2' on loan for possible welfare work within schools and the funeral trade there. Liaison within our District has worked very well.

I have also raised awareness myself, which has sometimes happened by chance as in November, when I unexpectedly met a former counselling colleague who is now working for 'Addaction', an addiction support service in Weston-Super-Mare. Catching up on news led

to Lions Life Skills details being given to the agency shortly afterwards. They were much appreciated. Similarly, a senior secondary school teacher told me at a social event that their academy is developing a new initiative concerning trauma in children (for example, parental separation, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence and bereavement), which can impact on their mental health, something that the Government is highlighting now. Life Skills resources cover some of these adverse childhood experiences, so I gave her relevant details too to pass on and will follow this up later as well.

In addition, my own personal interest in and experience of bereavement counselling prompted me to meet the facilitator of a Church's monthly bereavement support group, which was being advertised in the local paper. Life Skills resources are not appropriate for her meetings, which are mainly social gatherings, but as we had both undertaken Cruse Bereavement Care training and helped at the Hospice, I offered her some leaflets for her work within the Church or elsewhere.

Therefore, despite my personal limitations at present, my necessary absence from two Cabinet meetings and the lack of any District Life Skills Officers' meetings at MDHQ, where ideas and experiences are shared and brought back to our own Districts, Life Skills work has continued in all sorts of ways in 105 SW.

For the future, many opportunities exist for getting involved with Lions Life Skills and providing resources for a wide range of organisations and individuals responsible for the health and well-being of young people. I hope this report has shown what can be done, and, of course, new, interesting and innovative ideas are always welcome.

Physical & Learning Disabilities

Lion Julie Kemish-Mills

Just as we headed into last year convention there were 5 athletes from the South West who represented Great Britain during the Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi, and all had a great time and did really well with their results. What was great to see, was the Lions Club logo on the sleeves of the tracksuits.

Results;

- Charlotte Weston (Cornwall) – Basketball (Female) - Bronze
- Adrian Harper (Cornwall) – Basketball (Male) - Gold
- Daniel Weston (North Devon) – Cycling – Gold, Silver and Seventh
- Steven Dodd (Plymouth) – Powerlifting – two silver and two bronze
- Fiona Lane (North Devon) – Tennis two fourth places

Special Olympics Great Britain in partnership with London Marathon Events launched the first ever Special Olympics Unified Mile. North Devon had one athlete who took part in this and raised money for the North Devon Group. The event was part of the Vitality Westminster Mile, the world's largest timed mile that started on the Mall and finished in front of Buckingham Palace and was held on Sunday 26 May 2019. It was also supported by Lions Club International whose logo was again on all the t-shirts handed out to all entrants. The event is being repeated this year on 24th May and as yet, not sure what support the Lions will be asked to give.

Provisional numbers for the National games to be held in Liverpool in August 2021 were submitted in April 2019 which were approximately 130 athletes with 49 volunteer coaches/carers, about the same number as 2017, these were amended later in the year, but once all numbers were submitted there was an oversubscription of 1500, which meant each region would have to reduce numbers by 30%. Regions are due to get final numbers confirmed around 14th Feb 2020, with deposits required of £75 by 26th Feb per person.

Special Olympics North Devon hosted a National Table Tennis competition on 2nd / 3rd November 2019; there were over 60 competitors from around the country competing in doubles, mixed double and singles, Special Olympics North Devon did very well by getting 9 golds, 9 silver, 11 bronze medals and 9 4th places across male and female singles and doubles and mixed doubles. For those not taking part in the doubles there was a knockout competition which the North Devon group came away with Silver and Bronze. The North Devon group are looking at hosting a day competition on 1st November 2020 and have already been asked to confirm the date.

April 3rd – 5th 2020. Plymouth will be hosting the Mayflower games in conjunction with Special Olympics Plymouth and District which will consist of approximately 450 athletes, plus 100 coaches and support attending the games, which includes the groups from the South West as well as Holland and America. Lions Clubs in the South West were asked to contribute £200 per Club to help with transportation costs as minibuses will transport people between the venues. Volunteers still required as well so please get in touch with me or Lion George Poad from Plymouth Lions if you can help in anyway.

Youth Team

Young Leaders in Service

PDG Lion Brenda Wood

I am pleased to report that several Clubs have now started Young Leaders in Service, this is a longer term project with participants having to complete 12 months service before they can apply for a certificate. The 12 months starts from the date of their first service activity after which they can apply for either a 25, 50 or 100 hour certificate.

Club Officers should ensure that the participants have completed the 12 months in their log books, which have also be countersigned.

Participants are covered by Lions insurance when they are helping at Lions events and recorded on their risk assessments. If they are volunteering with another organisation such as the Guides and Brownies then they are covered by that organisations insurance. They should be listed on that organisations insurance/risk assessment as we would need to do with a Lions event.

An updated set of guidelines were issued this year and I sent them to all Clubs participating in the project. If any Club needs a copy of the guidelines please let me know and likewise if you are thinking starting to the YLiS scheme I am happy to attend a Club or Zone meeting to give a presentation. I can supply forms, log books and brochures with the guidelines.

My contact details are: bwood47@btinternet.com

Youth Exchange

PDG Lion Sally Marsh

Between July 29th and August 5th, 2019, the new district 105SW hosted 3 youth exchange students, Mete from Denmark, Emir from Turkey and Josip from Croatia. The host families were from 2 Clubs, Cheddar Vale and Radstock and Midsomer Norton.



A programme of visits was planned, these were supported and sponsored by Zone K Clubs, Cheddar Vale, Glastonbury and Street and Radstock and Midsomer Norton, and Weston-super-Mare from Zone L. My thanks to all Clubs for their support of this LCI Youth Project. The visits help the students, from around the world, understand our countries history, culture and beautiful countryside, as well as each other's experiences and lifestyles. This year included visits to Bath, Wells, Cheddar George, Glastonbury Tor and a day at the seaside in Weston-Super-Mare. They also experienced traditional pub skittles, a pub meal and fish and chips. There is a full report on the District website. After a very enjoyable week the students joined others from around the country in Doncaster for the 10 days of camp.

The Youth Exchange club hosting dates for 2020 are July 21st - July 31st, and the camp will be in Worcester from 31st July to 10th August. The camp dates are now on the LCI website and requests from around the world will be arriving with the MD Youth Exchange Officer over the next few weeks.

As District Officer I have attended one meeting putting plans in place and will be at MDHQ again in April for the next meeting when we will know the students who wish to come to the British Isles. I am now looking for more host Clubs, 2 have already agreed to host, the hosts can be Lions or friends of Lions. The hosting does not need to fall on one Club, the week works well when Clubs from the zone work together.

At the 2nd cabinet meeting in November it was agreed that an allowance of £250.00 per young person, up to a maximum of 6 claims (£1,500) be made available from the District Youth Fund to assist towards the cost of hosting. In the case of more than 6, then the fund will to be divided equally. As well as some travel expenses from Multiple District's Youth Trust.

As an International Project Youth Exchange is a service activity, Creating Global Citizens across Cultures and Around the World. Please consider hosting a student in 2020. If you are interested do not hesitate to get in touch and I will be pleased to help. It would be fantastic to increase the number of students hosted by 105SW this year.

My thanks to all Lions who got involved in 2019 and to those who have in the past. Please consider being involved in 2020.

A challenge to all Clubs, CAN WE FIND HOSTS FOR 6 STUDENTS in July 2020.

Peace Poster

Lion Theresa Warrell

The winner and three runners-up of the District 105SW Peace Poster Contest "Kindness Matters" attended the award ceremony at District Convention at Croyde Bay in March 2019, accompanied by parents. All expressed how much they had enjoyed the event and were appreciative of both their awards and the warm welcome they had received.

The Peace Poster Contest for 2019-20 is entitled "Journey of Peace". Information regarding the contest was shared via Mail Drops and the District Newsletter. Peace Poster Kits were available for sale at the 2019 Convention and many Clubs took advantage of purchasing their kits at this time, thus saving postage costs. 24 of the 25 Kits ordered from MD were purchased, leaving one left unsold (at a cost to the District).

Normally I have had to order extra, but some Clubs ordered directly from MDHQ and new Clubs to the District may have already purchased kits. I expect the kits for the 2020-21 Peace Poster contest to be available for clubs to purchase at Convention. The Kits will also be available to order from me by post following Convention. I would ask Clubs to order from me first to avoid a financial loss to District.

Regular participants in the Contest returned again this year, with six new Clubs taking part. 17 Clubs requested a total of 24 Peace Poster Kits; 17 posters were submitted for judging to the District Governor. Several hundred young people took part in the contest, producing some quality artwork as well as making thoughtful reflections on “peace” and having exposure to the work of Lions, both locally and internationally. Many thanks congratulations to all Clubs who took part in the Contest and congratulation to:

Winner: Tatana Pushkarev – Seaton and District Lions Club

Second Place: Saskia Whiting – Tavistock Lions Club

Third Place: Sundari Scarborough – Minehead and District Lions Club

Winning Clubs and students have been contacted directly. The students and their families have been invited to Convention for lunch and to attend the afternoon session on Saturday 21st March, by which time we should also have confirmation of the Multiple District and International winner for 2019-20. All the posters will be on display at Convention 2020. Photos of the winning District posters will be sent to the District Newsletter following Convention.

The winning posters from the 2018 -19 contest, “Journey of Peace” were exhibited in Wells Cathedral in May 2019. The exhibition was well received and some of the young artists made the journey with their families to see their work on display.

My bid for another exhibition at Wells Cathedral in 2020 has been successful and will take place from 22nd -29th May. All the District posters will also be displayed in Cheddar from May 8-11th as part of the Cheddar Arts Fringe Festival (venue tbc)

Despite promotion, to my knowledge, there were no entries for the Essay Writing Contest from District 105SW this year. The Peace Poster Kit contains all the information regarding this contest which was created to offer an opportunity to visually impaired young people to express their feelings about peace. I would encourage the local Lions Clubs to promote this contest, perhaps as part of their World Sight Day activities.

Young Ambassador

Lion Wendy Broom

I find myself severely disappointed with the whole of 105SW in the fact that we could not find any candidates for the Young Ambassador competition; the way for us to congratulate youngsters who help those less fortunate than themselves; and are possibly future Lion members.

What is wrong with us – why can't we find these candidates – is it because the 'Club' has never taken part before?

Surely this is the best reason to 'have a go'? All Clubs have schools, youth clubs, scouts, guides and other groups of youngsters in their area, who with a little bit of effort, could be approached!

Crewkerne knows from past experience that the YA competition can become a life-changing way of life. One of our early candidates, planning to be a children's nanny, took part and through her experiences has become a successful solicitor practicing family law – a complete change and definitely an improvement.

I am withdrawing from the post of YA Officer and hope that Clubs will support whoever takes over and makes this competition successful by finding new candidates throughout the SW. I wish them all the very best.

Leo Liaison

Lion Emma Burnard

Over the last 12 months we still have 1 Leo Club at Newquay; I have kept in regular contact with them over the last 12 months, just to check if they are ok and if they need anything. Everything seems to be going well, they have held a recruiting drive because they lost a few due to them leaving school. I'm trying to meet up with them at some point to meet them face to face but at the moment its proving a bit difficult.

I'm still trying to promote Leos wherever I can, I have managed to get Callington's new headmistress interested in maybe starting up a Leo Club. I will be doing an assembly about Leos and Lions Clubs in general in a couple of months' time and since we lost our social club a long time ago I think the town could do with it.

Unfortunately this is all I have at the moment

Youth Band Liaison

Lion Pam Hunt

A very successful year for the band which goes from strength to strength. There is never a shortage of young people wishing to join and benefit from the companionship and skills needed to be one of the leading youth bands in the location, with thanks to David Hollister, Abbie Jones and Debbie Underwood for making this work.

We have just finished a starter band whose members will now be moving up to training band and the next starter band which started in February was once again full and running well with some very enthusiastic youngsters who have this great opportunity to learn free of charge including a loan instrument for 18 months. This starter band has been primarily funded by a grant from music for all.

Funds are holding steady with sponsorships and donations from our own Lions Clubs. This year we are looking to replace the trailer which carries the instruments and we have started investigating various sources to get the best value for money. We are still looking for donations from Lions Clubs in order to fund this asset.

We still support a few children through the bursary scheme and these children are given an excellent opportunity which would otherwise never be available to them. Again, we are grateful to the Lions Clubs who regularly support the bursary scheme.

The Christmas CD (Yuletide Youth) made fantastic sales over the Christmas period and has now covered the costs of recording and producing the CD. These are on sale here today from Debbie or Pam so grab your copy now priced at £8.00. Next Christmas you will not be disappointed.

Our most successful form of fund raising is from our concerts which are always well supported, and we trust you will enjoy our playing during this years' Convention and during lunch. We hope that many of you will join us for our prizegiving concert on 26th June 2020 at Backwell School starting 7.00 p.m.

A special thank you from all the members of Lions Brass 4 Youth for the generous support of some of the Lions Clubs of 105SW – we couldn't do it without you!

Zone Chairpersons

Zone A

Lion David Broadhurst

Membership of Zone A Lions Clubs: Camborne/Redruth 16, Hayle 15, Helston 6, Truro 33, Penzance 12. Total 82 Lions in good standing in 5 Lions Clubs.

Zone A Bank account balance.....£301.87 on 12th January 2020.

Zone Clubs supported 2 major zone projects this year.

The Rowlands Fair Day, an annual event in aid of medically disadvantaged children when the funfair is freely open to them alone, was as successful as ever though with reduced numbers. David Rowlands was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship for his many years of support for Lionism.

52 West Cornwall schools were supplied with teaching materials written by local authoress Ellie Jackson, about the effects of plastic pollution on ocean creatures with all 5 Zone clubs enthusiastic in supporting this initiative. This material has been received with much excitement in the schools. The Kernow Matters to Us (KMTU) group were happy to contribute to the funding of this project as were some individuals. Some Companies also funded schools outside of the Lions initiative.

Truro, Camborne/Redruth, Helston and Penzance Clubs provided support for Lion Zara on her walk from John O' Groats to Land's End.

District quiz completed locally with Camborne/ Redruth in the lead. The Zone Chairman being the question master.

A Zone meeting was held at the Fox and Hounds, Scorrier with all Zone Clubs represented on 2 October 2019. Next meeting intended for early March.

A pro forma was distributed and roughly completed by each Club mapping out activities that occur through the Lions year. This is intended to help in the matter of interclub cooperation and, hopefully, eliminate event clashes. Zone Chairman is rationalising the copies to produce a fair Zone A calendar. Examples of interclub cooperation include support for Helston with their book sales, the Rowlands Fair Day and Hayle Fun day.

Congratulations are expressed to Lion Jerry Dawkins (Penzance President) on his MJF and also to Lion David Ring, also of Penzance, for his, equally well deserved, MJF award. Lion Ian Coxon, Truro, was presented with his 50-year award!

Lion Jerry Dawkins has agreed, again, to take on the Zone Chairman role in the Lion year 2020/21.

Concern was expressed about the increase in paperwork descending on Club secretaries. This is causing real difficulty for one club, in particular. "We joined Lions to have fun not be swamped in duplicated demands". "If you want to know what's going on read the Club minutes." Just 2 quotes I have had made to me recently.

Zone Treasurer, also Camborne/Redruth Club treasurer, commented that Banks are being particularly difficult in setting up the new arrangements caused by the changes to Club status. This thought endorsed by other Zone Clubs.

We regret to note the passing to Higher Service of Lion Des Robinson of Truro and Lion Frank Hallam of Helston

Zone B

Lion Mike Solomon

The Zone Clubs:

Padstow, Newquay, Newquay Towan Blystra, Wadebridge, St Austell, **Fowey River, Roche**, Bodmin.

The Zone membership is currently 168, down 3 from this time last year.

The Club situation is the same as last year in as much as the Clubs highlighted above are still struggling to increase their membership and marked as red on the District report.

Padstow have a Guiding Lion, but she is also finding it very difficult to attract locals to become members. The other Clubs, from larger communities are continuing to do well, both with membership and with fundraising, some holding presentation evenings where a host of cheques were distributed to many local charities and individuals.

Our Zone project for 2018/9 was to assist the Cornwall Samaritans and a grand total of £3,700 was collected and a presentation cheque was handed over at the November Zone meeting to their local director, Sue.

Bodmin Club was also presented with their timely prize as zone environmental champions with their entry of community garden maintenance in the zone internal competition. The other entries were judged to be highly recommended!

Over the summer months, all the Clubs were busy with the expected visitor invasion with raffles, carnivals, fetes and sponsored events, but overall the income was slightly down on previous years.

Christmas came and went, with many Clubs holding various fundraising events from raffles to parties, and Santa's sleigh to fetes.

I caught up with the Santa Sleigh on the road in Bodmin and at Bodmin Asda. The weather wasn't the best, but the atmosphere was electric around Santa and I suggest a goodly sum was raised.

Padstow assisted the community with their children's party (at which I was volunteered to be the man himself!), Nadelek Lowen Christmas community market and other events especially this year to raise money for a neo-natal bed for the Special Care unit at Treliske Hospital in memory of a special young mum who sadly lost her life on May Day.

One eye was kept on the ever so important Health and Safety aspects of their events, and I have heard of no problems. With H&S in mind, I am proposing another Traffic Management course this spring / summer (Chapter 8) – any adjoining clubs who would like to tag along, I will only be too pleased to arrange it for them. This has got so serious now that a specific qualified attending Lion has to be named on the events application form for it to be considered.

The goal for 2020/2021 is certainly to increase membership, raise even more money than we have done this year, and have fun doing it!

Zone C

Lion Mark Fox

The Clubs in Zone C are all functioning well due to their strong and proactive Presidents and Club Officers this year, who are fully behind the International Lions ideology. The thought that we are part of an International organisation and not an isolated Club has taken time to get through to the ground root members but now the majority have bought in to it.

This has resulted in the Clubs in the Zone working and even socialising more together and getting more productivity from the members.

Memberships continues to fluctuate, with it seems that every time we badge up a new member, we immediately seem to lose one and the average age of members in most Clubs seem to continue to raise which is still of concern.

I actively encourage Clubs to seek some new younger members but with caution as our membership needs to be varied and encompassing all age groups, this has helped my own Club which has a very young average age membership!! The positive is that we are still managing to continue to recruit but maybe not in the numbers we would like or even maybe need to fill the gaps over the next few years.

All Clubs in Zone C are very active at local events and the results of their endeavours are clear to see in the reports to our Zone Meetings.

All Clubs continue to ask for extra help when needed and this help comes from our kind and generous members of each club in the Zone.

Zone C continues to go in a upward direction with lots of excellent results and positive news coming from every Club, I am aware that I need to ensure that we don't get complacent but carry on looking for higher standards and providing more help and assistant to our local communities and also to the International communities.

Some big events hosted by Lions in since last Convention were: -

Callington Honey Fair
Saltash Big and Bouncy
Launceston Show
Liskeard Pantomime
Looe Carnival
Torpoint New Year's Dip

Zone E

Lion Ian Hill

- This is my second year as Zone E Chairman. I have continue to encourage Clubs within the Zone to work /support each other where ever possible. Tavistock Carnival, Ivybridge Fun day and Plymouth Swimarathon being a few examples.
- Membership numbers have improved in the last year raising from 90 to 95
- Plymouth honoured two long serving Lions of 50 and 55 years
- Tavistock Lions hosted the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall
- Plymouth Tamar awarded 1st Vice President Lion Walter a Melvin Jones Fellowship
- Ivybridge will be celebrating 20 years of service with the Wurzels
- All four Clubs continue to be active in their communities, for example.
 - Tavistock: Firework display, Tree of lights,
 - Ivybridge: Fun day, Christmas Fair,
 - Plymouth: Mayflower 400 Special Olympics Games
 - Plymouth Tamar: Christmas Food Hampers, Food bank.
- A Zone WhatsApp was set up to improve communication around the clubs
- Lion President John Martin Ivybridge volunteer to take over the role of Zone Chairman.
- My goals for the Zone is to retain and hopefully increase membership by promoting inter club activities.

Zone F

Lion John Atyeo

BRIXHAM

Easter Egg Draw to raise funds for the club

Hinckley Brass Band came down to play on the quay and collected money for Brixham Lions

In June. the President of the Club had a hip replacement so they didn't attend Steam Rally or Gooseberry Pie Fare as the other three members would not do it alone.

They didn't do Park & Ride as Dartmouth Regatta was held after Bank holiday so as money had been lost the previous year previous year it was not worth taking a chance. They will do it this year as it will be held over Bank holiday.

They also put on a Pig race night with the support of Paignton Lions at a local restaurant and raised more funds for the Club

They are hoping to attend various Fairs this year.

BABBACOMBE AND ST MARY CHURCH

They have had a busy summer attending all the usual fetes although a number of them are not being run in future which means looking for alternative methods to raise money.

The annual Lions on The Downs Summer Fete was another success. This year they ran a Firewalk at the same time which proved to be a great attraction and enjoyed by everyone, as well as raising lots of money. They are busy at the moment preparing for this years' event with many new attractions in the pipeline.

They have also been busy all year-round running Race Nights at a local hotel The most popular are the days that we attend over Christmas and New Year.

This year they have been supporting the Young Carers in Torbay. They have taken them out on a day trips and even arranged cooking lessons for them, which they enjoyed so much that they are organising another cookery day this year. The next event is a 'Silent Disco'.

Along with the other Clubs in the Bay they have also been supporting Torbay Domestic Abuse Service with vouchers for Boots to allow them to buy toiletries for themselves and their children.

One of their most popular service commitments is the day that they entertain a group of young children from Chernobyl. Again, this year it was not only a great success but hugely rewarding.

They continue to send spectacles for re-cycling and promote MiaB.

They attended the Ageing Well Festival in Torquay – very appropriate, I think! They also continue to support LCI with donations.

On the membership side they have lost 2 members but gained 2 who happen to be a lot younger! They do have another potential 2 members in the 'pipeline'.

The Club was proud to award their President, Frank Wallis and Treasurer, Russ White with Melvin Jones Awards this year for their continued hard work for the Club and Lions Clubs International.

And finally, they are well under way with CIO status. So far, it's going well with no unexpected complications.

PAIGNTON LIONS CLUB

Paignton Lions have once again been busy on various projects within the community.

They have linked up with the two other Clubs within the zone to support Sanctuary Housing who provide a safe sanctuary for vulnerable people within the community.

They usually arrive in the bay with nothing other than what they can carry in a few bags, extracted from abusive situations, Sanctuary spring into action and house them. They provided them with Boots gift vouchers so they can purchase basic toiletries for themselves and their children.

They are still actively collecting spectacles and milk bottle tops.

Paignton Lions have, this year, purchased yet another full pallet of MiaB

Their big event of the year, THE WALK IN THE SEA on boxing day, went off once again without a hitch.

Although this year saw a change in how the event is staged to comply with the rigorous health and safety that is required in this day and age.

On the morning of the event the weather was awful, but they were told by the coast guard that by 12 o'clock it would be fine.

It was just a shame that a certain social Media group called Devon Live announced that all events had be cancelled due to the poor weather conditions

Once again, this year they supported B Mad (Bikers Make a Difference) with their festival and weekly bike nights. The organisers have said without their support it would be impossible to put these events on.

They have lost one member this year for health reasons but have at least three prospective members, two of whom are previous Lions that have moved to Paignton.

Zone G

Lion Graham Kingsbury

Zone G has faced a difficult 12 months since last we met, starting with 68 members and currently running with 65 members giving a net loss of 3.

It is likely that at the start of the Lion year 2020 -2021 this will have decreased by a further 12 members and the loss for the year 2019 -2020 of 3 Clubs, Zone G crashing from 6 clubs to 3.

This Lion Year has been the most difficult of my Lion journey, being faced with the possibility of 2/3 Clubs closing, namely Bideford, Lyn and South Molton

Following 2 meetings with the Lyn members and 1st VDG the members of this Club decided to close the club on 31st December 2019 with 4 members resigning and 4 members transferring to other Clubs; they were uncertain at that time which Club to go to. Having spoken with their Secretary in late December 2019 that position has now changed slightly and the current position is that the 4 members who wished to remain Lions have now decided to give themselves a deadline of 31st June 2020 to try and reinvent the Club and to gain new members somehow, so it beholds us all to give them every assistance in this goal or the Club will cease. After all, is this not what the Global Action Team is set to help Clubs with?

In the case of Bideford with the grave illness of their President/Secretary, the situation came to a head in late November with an extraordinary business meeting at which the members resolved to disband the Club on 31st December 2019 with 2 members resigning and 4 members transferring to Barnstaple Lions Club. These 4 members have vowed to still keep a presence in Bideford with fund raising for use in that community, supported by Barnstaple Lions.

Having spoken with Lion Henry Smith President of South Molton who also expressed concerns over the ongoing future of the South Molton Club, he is of the opinion, as are the members that the Club will fold at the end of June 2020 unless some serious intervention is given to help the members to survive. (The Global Action Team?)

I have visited The Minehead Club, despite the very lengthy journey to get there and was both well received and made welcome by all and hopefully they will meet the other zone members at our Zone meeting in February 2020.

A common thread when talking to the Clubs in my Zone is the activities report and how unduly complex and unworkable the programme is from MyLion, the opinion is that that the topics bear no relationship to the work of Lions in the SW and is switching off Secretaries. The same applies to the Club officers who feel that the fun element has gone from Lions with new computer programmes from Oakbrook, with a one type fits all approach, which it doesn't, and the new Charity legislation are all contributing to switching off existing Lions and putting off new Lions and with the ageing membership we need to all look at how we attack this very real problem.

Zone H

Lion Eric Parkes

Progress achieved since last Convention

There are no matters outstanding since the last Convention.

All the Clubs in the Zone are well set up with no major problems of note and are playing a very active part in their Communities.

Zone meetings have been well attended and supported by all Clubs from which a positive exchange of ideas and discussions have been most beneficial. A much better support for the District Forum needed with the findings being reported back to the individual Clubs.

Membership retention is one of the District Goals and I was able to involve GMT coordinator Lion Sue Miller with her paper entitled the 3 R's i.e. Recruitment, Retention, Results which gives guidance and ideas as a way forward.

Membership of the Zone shows a slight increase in numbers for the year to date. Tiverton Club still remain at 6 members but are to be congratulated on how much activities and service projects they get involved in within their Community. A programme of recruitment to be drawn up in the near future with Cullompton being targeted. Clubs in the Zone to assist Tiverton on the day.

There are some notable Service projects within the Zone.

- GST Coordinator PDG Fred Broom attended the November Zone Meeting.
- Exeter West held a very successful Ten Pin Bowling tournament for ELF.
- Crediton held a Diabetes awareness and Lifestyle Fair
- Tiverton supply help to the Local Hospital League of Friends shop.
- Exeter regularly man the car park at the Exeter Chiefs Rugby matches
- Okehampton are very active with the catering van.
- Holsworthy Fun Day was very well supported by the District
- In Late August, early September, Crediton and Okehampton provided assistance to the walkers Lions Zara and Ian with their 3 Million Steps challenge for the stage from Wellington to Launceston
- A new service by Guide Dogs for the Blind introduced at a recent Zone Meeting. The object is to become a My Guide Volunteer for blind and partially sighted people.
- All Clubs in the Zone worked together to raise enough funds to provide two Room Mate systems for the WESC Foundation of Exeter (visually impaired ,autism and cerebral palsy young people) They also provide funds and manpower for the Lions Diabetic Screening service at the Devon County Show

It is disappointing that the Zone could not supply a candidate for the Young Ambassador 2019/20 contest.

Emphasis was also placed on the Peace Poster contest. Both Crediton and Exeter West have for years been actively involved with this project with Schools within their Communities.

Overview of Direction for the rest of my Year.

* Continue to support the Clubs within the Zone regarding Membership retention and growth. Maximum help and support for Tiverton

* To be aware of the Service needs within their communities and supply the service projects required to meet those needs

* Leadership. To encourage Clubs to have a programme of development for future Club leaders

* LCIF Coordinator PDG David Atkins Campaign 100 to be invited to attend the May Zone meeting

Zone I

Lion Jamie Love

I will have held three Zone Meeting, by District Convention in March, at Seaton, Axminster & Sidmouth. All went well (at first two), I have organized a Zone quiz for all 5 Clubs as we all missed out on the District one. All Clubs entered a written Zone reports, with updates at the meetings, Copies of reports now going to PDG Lion Fred Broom, for his reporting of Club activities.

Membership: Axminster 9 (with 3 new members on the way), Budleigh 25, Honiton 11, Seaton 25 & Sidmouth 20. Both Axminster & Honiton Clubs are actively looking for members with membership drives/meet the Lions.

Attended 50th Golden Charter Ann. for Axminster & District Lions Club back in Sept. 2019

Zone Project – To be decided at next Zone meeting 19th Feb. at Sidmouth.

I have attended all 3 Cabinet & GAT Meetings to date

Summing a good year so far, more members needed, but Clubs doing well & prospering. All ways a good turnout at Zone Meetings & events. I have handed out a few long service chevrons so far with more to present at other Charter Anniversary later in the Lions year.

Zone J

PDG Lion Fred Broom

The new Zone J was formed in June 2019 and consists of the following 7 Clubs: Blackmore Vale; Bridport; Crewkerne; Dorchester; Ilminster; Weymouth and Portland and Yeovil.

- Although a new zone originally from 2 districts, the Clubs have quickly melded and the Zone meetings have been well attended, constructive and good humoured. There is a clear desire to work together and find service projects that cover both Dorset & Somerset.
- Blackmore Vale Club is undergoing a troubled period with several members leaving for a variety of reasons and many of the remaining members being long standing and elderly, who feel that they have done their turns in office. As a Club that still has a demanding and active fund-raising diary, this means they will need support. A membership programme is being looked at and support to help build the Club from other Clubs in the zone.
- Bridport is a club of largely elderly members led by a very young and enthusiastic president. Again, they are carrying out service projects and fund raising but need fresh blood in the Club to ensure a successful future. We are looking for opportunities to promote membership at local events, possibly running a stall at the very popular town market.
- Crewkerne has been experiencing difficulties in changing their bank accounts in order to bring the in line with their CIO registration and this has taken up a great deal of time and caused much frustration. Despite that, they have held a very successful pram race; duck race and tractor rally. Their membership continues to cover all ages from 21- 80+.ter
- Dorchester is another Club that has had difficulties recruiting new, young members and we are also looking at ways to help there. They continue to have a strong presence in the town and undertake many health-related service activities.
- Ilminster has a good strong membership with some very keen, active people; though at present their President has had to step down after 30 months in office due to pressures of work and family. Several have stepped up to run the club on a monthly basis, but a more permanent solution is being sought before March.
- Weymouth & Portland are a vibrant club with a strong membership, an active service and fund-raising profile and a good social calendar. I attended their Christmas Day Swim across the harbour (in a cheerleading capacity only), which had fantastic support from the community.
- Yeovil continue to be a strong, well organised membership and despite losing their very lucrative Fireworks Night, due to a change in ownership of the show ground, are still raising good amounts of money and supporting a wide variety of local needs.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as the new zone J Chairman and look forward to the year ahead.

Zone K

Lion Colin Marsh

Clubs : Cheddar Vale; Frome; Glastonbury & Street; Keynsham & District; Radstock & Midsomer Norton; Wells.

Following re-districting, Zone K came into being on 1st July 2019, Glastonbury & Street and Wells being from the previous Zone J (old SW); Cheddar Vale, Zone L (old SW); and the remaining three from previous Zone J (old W).

As individual Clubs, redistricting has, of course, had little or no effect and they all continue to serve their communities well. Pre re-districting I was able to visit to all Clubs and was well received by all. I have since again visited all but one and hope to make a further visit to each before the end of the year. With the help of our District C.I.O. Adviser, all but one of the zone Clubs is, or in the process of being, registered as a C.I.O.

At the time of writing, two zone meetings have been held, and a social in the form of a barbecue was held at the start of the year. Currently there is no specific zone project to bring the Clubs closer together, but as we progress, I am optimistic that ideas will be forthcoming, and that by the end of the year we will have a clearer picture of where we are going.

A first year of getting to know each other!

Zone L

Lion Kevin Moore

During the past year, Lions have continued without stopping despite re-zoning taking place due to Re-Districting; all Clubs have continued to serve those in need.

Here in Zone L, we said farewell to Cheddar Vale Lions Club as they transferred to the new look Zone K and welcomed Burnham-on-Sea Lions Club who moved the other way, from the former Zone K.

Membership – over the past 12 months there has been an increase of 2 members across the Zone but after the latest reports were submitted, history took place as Weston-super-Mare LC badged up two ladies (I believe that a third has transferred to the Club). Sadly, against this, two members from two other Clubs passed to higher service: a reminder that every Club must continue to be looking to recruit new members to increase their membership not just replace those they lose.

I have continued to encourage members (especially newer ones) to attend Zone Meetings – at the final meeting in the year 2018/19 we had 44 attendees and, fortunately, several apologies.

As I type this report, plans are in place for a meeting with enough seating to try and repeat this level of attendance. One benefit is that the new members get an idea of how other Clubs operate and the levels of administration

Service – the benefits of a more attendees at Zone Meetings has included the exchange of ideas and co-operation of Clubs working together in putting on events that need a number of Lions supporting – these include the Visually impaired Bowls at Weston-super-Mare, putting on either Diabetes or Prostate Cancer Awareness events in numerous villages. From little acorns, oak trees grow: Yeo Valley LC started working with the Dementia and Alzheimer Society by financially supporting the Society to put on coffee mornings in two local villages. The numbers attending both sessions continue to grow, again, as I type this report, arrangements are advanced to begin a ‘Singing for the Brain’ session early in 2020 in one village with the aim of opening one in the second village later in the year; again the

main support from the Club is financial – the Dementia Society will be responsible for the organization of the sessions.

Every Club continues to support their own local clubs/societies/individuals throughout the year: spread across a large rural part of the County. Occasionally, Letters of Thanks are received from recipients of support – these prove the value of the work Lions do.

The Future – Clubs need to raise their profile in order that people know who they are and what they do – locally, nationally and internationally. They need to use whatever means possible - local papers - Facebook - Twitter – support from those at Multiple District

Resolutions

Resolution 1

Concerning the adoption of the new model Lions District 105SW CIO Foundation Constitution

Proposed by District Treasurer

This Convention Resolves that the new model Lions District 105SW CIO Foundation Constitution be adopted to allow District 105SW to become a CIO Foundation

Explanation: -

In order for District 105SW to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation there will be a need to adopt a new Constitution relevant to becoming a CIO Foundation is recommended.

Constitutional note

This resolution will not alter a standard Club's constitution, it is relevant only for The District CIO Foundation constitution

To be enacted this resolution will require a simple/two thirds majority of those delegates present at the AGM who exercise the right to vote.

Resolution 2

Student Dues – Proposed by IPDG Sally Marsh (Campus Clubs Co-Ordinator)

In the Constitution of District 105SW, add to the end of the first sentence contained within Article VIII, Section 1, the words “*PROVIDED THAT no per capita dues to defray such District expenditure shall be collected in respect of any member who is a student, as defined by Lions Clubs International on the 1st July in any year*”.

Explanatory Note

In many Districts in UK and further afield, the formation of Campus Lions Clubs has been a valuable policy in the efforts to attract younger members, to examine new ideas, and to raise the profile of Lions generally. We now have several possible opportunities to form Campus Lions Clubs in District 105SW and we must be in a position to take advantage of these opportunities. However, students usually find it difficult to meet the dues normally required of Lions members. To alleviate this, dues concessions are given to students by Lions Clubs International, and by Multiple District 105. To further help the situation, many Districts waive dues for student members (whether in Campus Clubs or elsewhere), and your District Cabinet proposes that District 105SW should do likewise.

Nomination for District Governor 2020-2021

Lion David Fitzpatrick

Portishead Lions Club



David was born in Southport, Lancashire in the spring of 1951 the eldest of six children he has three sisters and two brothers, the family moved near to Liverpool when he was four to live in a small village and he started his first school. Weekends and school holidays were spent outdoors playing in fields and barns and surrounding farmland.

At ten years of age the family moved back to Southport where he attended secondary school. Starting work at 16 as an indentured apprentice motor mechanic he went to college on a day release and night school basis for six years to gain the necessary qualifications.

In 1974 he started his own garage business renting premises that was formally a cinema servicing and repairing all makes of cars, vans and motorcycles. The business expanded employing six staff and specialised in repairs and overhaul of automatic transmissions. The business closed when the landowner sold out to a developer.

David joined B.L Cars (British Leyland) to work as a Network / Warranty Engineer based in Altringham, this meant a move to Lymm in Cheshire. The company went through a number of name changes (Austin Rover Group to name but one) however with change came opportunities, promotion came along, as did numerous technical and managerial training courses resulting in David becoming Service Development Manager for the North of England.

However, a move to Bristol became possible when he was headhunted along with three other Managers from Rover to start a new venture with the Malaysian car manufacturer Proton, to launch firstly in Southern Ireland followed a year later by the UK and then Europe. Portishead was an obvious choice for a place to settle down, as his new base was a new office and import centre at Royal Portbury Docks close to Bristol.

David has a daughter and twin boys from a previous marriage and 7 grandchildren (all boys). In 2008 David met Liz whom he married in August 2016 she has two boys and 3 grandchildren (2 girls & 1 boy).

During a spring fair in 1998 David first became aware of the work the local Lions Club did and from that moment was hooked, he joined and became an active member as he still is today. He has done virtually every job in the Club, the main exceptions being Secretary and Treasurer.

He has served as Zone L Chairperson, has been a Cabinet member serving the GLT as County Coordinator for Somerset working also with GMT. During this period David was a Certified Guiding Lion and attended the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI). Additionally, he's attended most Spring and Autumn forums and presented at two, participated at District Conventions and attended Lions Europa Forum in Birmingham.

David has said he has always been interested in becoming District Governor and is now well on the road having completed the DGE training in Chicago. He has the full support of his wife Liz who is also a Lion, he is retired and has the time and energy to devote to service in the District, Zones and Clubs and is looking forward to the challenge the role brings. He is a grass root Lion and enjoys nothing more than being out and about serving the community and looks forward to working together and meeting more of you in the coming year.

Nomination for 1st Vice District Governor 2020-2021

Lion Mark Lockie

Portland & Weymouth Lions Club

Mark was born in Edinburgh, 1947, but left as a young child and spent 5 years in East Africa and Mauritius with his father's army posting.

Most major schooling was in Farnham, Surrey and in 1963 commenced Marine Engineering training in Southampton, where he met his wife, Stephanie (Steve) whom he married in 1970. They have two sons both in the marine industry, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

He went to sea with the Merchant Navy in 1967, travelling the world and eventually attaining Chief Engineer, steamship and motorship. This work eventually led him to take employment in Weymouth with British Rail 'Sealink' Ferries.

In 1977 he gained employment with the Department of Transport in Papua New Guinea for 2 years as a Marine Surveyor and the family made a new home there. In 1979 he moved into private industry managing the engineering side of a small shipping company and stayed there for a further 8 years. During this time they made many new friends and joined many organisations, one of which was Lions, the Club being Madang 201 Q2 (since closed).

During their time in Madang PNG, some of the work undertaken by Lions was very 'hands-on' and included:

Painting pedestrian crossings, repainting the toilet block of the international school, clearing and cleaning water-wells, installation of playground equipment, etc. They also supported the disabled people of the area by setting up and assisting with the Creative Self-Help Centre and supplying wheelchairs. There are some funny stories could be told about delivering them to the villages. they also supported the work of many other similar organisations in the area. During this time, he held the offices of President, Secretary and Zone Chairman.

He transferred to Weymouth and District Lions Club (now Weymouth and Portland Lions Club) in 1987 on the return to the UK, during which time he has acted as President, Zone Chairman 105 D Zone A, and Treasurer of Weymouth and Portland Lions Club and currently am 2nd Vice District Governor for District 105 SW. He is actively involved, with the support of his wife, Steve, in all events held by the Club. The Club has undertaken Swimathons, Cross Harbour Christmas Day Swims (with up to 495 swimmers), Beach Motocross, March for Men, Christmas Concert for the Senior Citizens of Weymouth and area (most of the Club members and wives would be eligible to attend), Street Busk, to name but a few.

He has almost completed his year as 2nd District Vice Governor, meeting Clubs and attending functions and is looking forward to the next eventful year.