

THE GOLDEN CONVENTION

**Lions Clubs International District 105SW
District Convention 2020**

Thursday 19 to Sunday 22 March 2018

NEWS SHEET No 3

WE ARE NEARLY THERE!

This year we are sharing Multiple District presenters with District SC which has thrown up difficulties in the agenda. Lions Stuart and Fran will be presenting early in the agenda, so our usual order of proceedings needs to be a bit different.

After the Parish Notices and the introduction of DG Jim and his guests Convention will be opened, earlier than usual in the agenda, so that the MD Officers can get to Swindon and our opener, local businessman and invisible supporter of Convention for several years, Jason Sharman, can get back to his business. It was felt that we should get to know him and he us, so Jason will join us at the Gala Dinner this evening.

Following District Governor Jim and his guest's introduction, Jason will open Convention. The two presentations will then be given: Lion Stuart will tell us about the Eye Camera and Lion Fran, Brain Tumour and Childhood Cancer.

Things will then return to normal (whatever normal is at Convention) with In Memoriam led by 1st VDG David. We should be romping along by now although there could be a few surprises along the way. We will eventually have a comfort break when our partners and ladies will be invited to leave us; although they may stay if they wish to witness the keen cut and thrust of debate.

Changes keep coming. There is no nomination at time of writing for 2nd Vice District Governor. It was discussed at the last Cabinet meeting and, after consultation with the CNRO PDG Lion David Rosson, it has been decided to take nominations from the floor and providing the candidate has the correct qualifications and a proposer (no seconder is needed) a secret ballot of the delegates will be taken.

On Sunday we see another change. Hopefully there will be four clubs each giving a 15-minute presentation on their pet service project each followed by 15 minutes of Q&A/discussion. This will be chaired by PDG Lion Alan Good who will keep the Clubs and debaters to very strict time.

In the past there has been criticism of the bar service. This has been discussed with Croyde management and I am assured it will be addressed. To help with service we are asking you to preorder and pay for your Gala Dinner wine; there will be order forms in your packs. The wine can be collected from the bar before dinner. Should you require wine for Friday dinner and do not finish it, it will be sealed, your name written on the label and you can enjoy it next day after collecting it from the bar.

DG Lion Jim hopes to see many of you in fancy dress for Party Night on Friday. Don't forget the theme is GOLD. He is bringing back the competition for best dressed Club and couple which he, Lion Rosemary and hopefully PID Lion Howard and Lion Clare will judge. The cups have been found and polished and are ready for presentation. Party Night should be a grand affair with members glittering in their golden finery.

The shop will be open from Friday afternoon, through Saturday and Sunday morning. If there is anything specific you require please let me know and I will add it to the order.

PDG Lion John Sims
Convention Chair