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105W NEWS UPDATE

Lion Sally Marsh - District Governor

April 2019



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Dear Fellow Lions

When I wrote my contribution for the March News Update I was packing my bags ready for our 44th Convention in Bristol. This week I am packing my bags to attend the District Convention of 103 Normandy. What a busy and very enjoyable month it has been.

Convention was a great success. Again my thanks to the convention Team, especially Byron, Martin and Jake for all

the hard work they have put in to make the weekend an opportunity to celebrate all the achievements of District 105W. The speakers were all informative and interesting. International Director Lion Dr. Walter Zemrosser from Austria gave the keynote speech, Professor Williams spoke on Type 2 Diabetes and there was a very moving talk from a parent whose family is supported by CLIC Sargent. The social programme was well supported with us all having opportunities to enjoy fun and fellowship. The dance floor was packed at the Banquet and Ball and Tank Sherman had us all laughing on Friday.

I also attended 105M's Convention in the middle of the month. A great opportunity to meet up with new Lions and join old friends.

Although my official club visits are completed, I am continuing to join you at various events. I attended the Charter Anniversaries of Hereford, Black Mountains, Porthcawl and Ross Youth Leos. Thank you all for you giving me the opportunity to celebrate with you. I also joined Llandrindod Wells and Pembroke Dock at social meetings to present Milestone Chevrons and was honoured to be involved in the induction of 4 new Lions during lunch at Llandrindod Wells. Welcome to them all and all new Lions who have joined us this month. As a District, we have gained 15 new members this month that is a net gain of 8 Lions for the month. **WELL DONE EVERYONE.** Keep asking and let's grow our membership again during April. More Lions equals more Service

I also joined Lions from across the British Isles for UN Day at the Palace of Westminster. An interesting time to be there with one of several Brexit votes taking place and listening to the speakers from UNICEF, Humanity and Inclusion and Lion Brian Sheehan, 3rd International Vice President.

If you haven't booked to attend Multiple District Convention in Swansea over the weekend of 3-5 May, please do so soon. It is not often that we get a MD Convention in our District. Many of you are asking about the sight cameras. There was a meeting on 23 March and as soon as I receive the latest progress and information I will contact all clubs. So watch out for the email.

Finally, don't forget the District litter pick, during week commencing 22 April. A service opportunity to involve volunteers and show your communities one of the many ways in which **We Serve**. A poster and help sheet has been sent to all clubs and is available to download from the District Website.

Let's All Work Together to serve our communities with fun and fellowship.

Lion Sally Marsh, District Governor, 105W.

Higher Service ...

It is with deep regret that News Update reports the passing to higher service of **Rhian Lloyd**, Fishguard & Goodwick Lions Club and **Robin Young**, Bristol Bradley Stoke Branch club.

District Governor, Lion Sally, and all Lion members, extend sincere condolences to their families.

Membership Welcome ...

During March, District Governor Lion Sally welcomed the following member to the family of Lions:

Cardiff Uzair Ahmed, Chander Chadha
Chantal Corbin, Laura Harper
Kieran Pritchard & Jennifer Wynne.

Fishguard & Goodwick
Hannah Bailey & Hazel James.

Gower & Llwchwr Estuary
Bryony Thomas & Danielle Williams.

Llandrindod Wells
Gwyn Jones
Calne Kelly Adams & Shirley Jackson.

Wotton under Edge
Chris Hull & Verity Small.

105W Members end of March 2019 – 877



Lion President Rhian Lloyd ...

It is with deep regret we report the passing of our President, Lion Rhian Lloyd, who died on 18 February.

Rhian was a very community spirited person, a school governor, local councillor, church warden, and a loyal Lion.

We will miss her on so many levels, as a friend, supporter, and a true Lion.

Gwyneth Evans, Secretary, Fishguard & Goodwick.

Cyclone Idai Update ...

On Tuesday 26 March I received this update from LCIF.

LCI have recently received many inquiries from Lions with genuine concern for the victims of Cyclone Idai in Mozambique, Malawi, and Zimbabwe.

I hope you will find this update useful as you communicate about the impact of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).



Malawi, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe are in a state of national emergency and are leading a humanitarian response in their respective countries, supported by humanitarian partners. Thousands of people are missing, hundreds reported dead, and search and rescue efforts are ongoing. The government and authorities report the need for emergency relief items including tents, food, medicines, and helicopters for rescue operations and delivery of assistance. Due to the extensive damage to roads from extremely heavy rains, it has been difficult to assist affected people. To assist local Lions in their relief efforts, LCIF has awarded three grants; two emergency grants of US \$10,000 and a Major Catastrophe Grant of US \$50,000 to provide resources such as maize flour, clothing, tents, blankets, and other needed relief items in Mozambique, Malawi, and Zimbabwe; with more grants that may follow.

Thank you to those who have already taken immediate action to aid the victims affected by Cyclone Idai. Please encourage donations to the LCIF Disaster Relief Fund. Our Foundation is a beacon of hope for those that have lost everything. Publicity materials can be found on the District Website.

Lion Sally Marsh, District Governor, 105W.

Northleach Spring Clean ...

The Northleach Spring Clean has been arranged with the Town Council and is to be held on Sat 27 April at 10:00. We will be meeting at the King George V playing field. We have had good support in previous years, and we are looking at the feasibility of separating the plastic collected from the

other items as there is a greater emphasis this year on plastic rubbish. It is expected that all volunteers will have finished by 12:00 and the Cotswold Fosseway Lions Club Baker will be providing a tray of baked goodies at the end.

Whilst on the subject of baking, we will also be holding our tasty Coffee and Cake sales at the Victoria Hall in Bourton on the Water for one Saturday each month during the summer months, with the first one being on Sat 11 May. Come along between 10am – 4pm and support a good cause.

Donations this month have been in support of young people and have included funding towards the Corinium Players trip to the World Youth Guitar Festival and a scouts attendance at the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, USA.

On the social side, a Treasure Hunt has been planned for Sat 6 April and no matter how lost we all get, we will all meet up at the end for a meal. Rest assured, we have not lost anyone, yet.

Corrina Sherman, President, Cotswold Fosseway.

Spectacles ...

As you know, Medico Lions Club attended our District Convention with their van and took back an enormous load of spectacles. I received this letter from them

Dear Sally, Dear Governor,

Dear Fellows Lions,

On behalf of all the members of MEDICO Lions Clubs of France, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to District Multiple 105W for the donation of 22,000 spectacles for a value of 83,820€.

Concerning the last year donation, (27/04/2018), it was of 40,000 spectacles for a value of 152,400€.

Those spectacles will help the needing people of the developing countries.

MEDICO thanks the Multiple District 105W for his constant help in eyeglasses recycling efforts.

Thank you Sally for conveying our warm thanks to your fellows Lions.

With all our best wishes.



Lion Sally Marsh, District Governor, 105W.

Competitions Corner ...

The winners for this year's competitions were awarded at District Convention. It has been decided, due to the redistricting, that the Competitions will be suspended until after the formation of 105CW. We will let you know when the competitions have been resumed.

Back to the results of this year's competitions. The first Award was for the **Best Maintained Website**. We all know how important it is to have a well-designed Club website as our link to the wider community. The websites were all examined and independently judged, with the winner of the Best Maintained Website being **Ross-on Wye Lions Club**.

Next award was the **Bill Smith Trophy**. This Trophy is presented in memory of Lion Bill Smith of Chipping

Sodbury Lions Club and rewards the Club that has the largest percentage increase in Membership. The third place went to Marlborough Lions Club who had a membership growth of 18%. Wotton-under-Edge Lions Club was in second with a percentage growth of 20%, but with a Percentage Membership growth of 28.6% the winner of this trophy was Swansea Lions club.

Fellowship is an important part of being a Lion and the Fellowship award is to encourage the visiting other Clubs' meeting, attending District and Zone events. The winners of this competition were in third place Dursley Club. In second place was Black Mountains Lion Club and the winner by a large margin was Glantawe Swansea Valley Lions Club.

The overall best club award was made by District Governor Sally and it went to Ammanford Lions Club. Unfortunately, we did not have any entries for the Environmental Photo Competition.

Sue Wooldridge, competitions@lions105w.org.uk

Ross Leos 10th Charter ...

Saturday 23 March saw Leos, Lions, relatives, friends and School representatives gather to mark a great Celebration event for Ross-on-Wye Leos Club. As explained by Club Leo Advisor Lion Keith Wilding, 10 years ago the Ross Leos began in John Kyrle High School. Since then Keith, now assisted by Lion Jenny Symington, has seen more than 70 young people pass through the Leo Club and take part in Service Activities and Fund Raising (and donating) of over £10,000.



This Charter Celebration was attended by Lions District Governor Sally Marsh, who presented the Leo President Megan, with a Certificate of Appreciation for all the Leos have done over the years. Sally also presented Leos Adam and Natalie with Young Leaders in Service Certificates, acknowledging the hours they have given to helping others.

Although most of the Leos have moved away from Ross to study and follow careers elsewhere, one former Leo, Greg now lives and works in the town and has joined the Lions Club. Lions also form Clubs on University Campus' and so Greg was able to talk to former President Adam about how he could be a founder member of a Campus Lions Club when he goes (as he hopes) to University in September.

Several organisations were present at the Charter Celebration to receive cheque donations from President Megan. The Leos make their own decisions about who and how to help

and this time they were helping a local hospice, Cave Rescue and mental health for young people charities. As well as this they had decided to fund two UNICEF 'school in a box' – boxes containing materials for teaching children in war-torn or disaster areas and have donated enough for the purchase of 2 boxes that will educate 80 children for a year.

No celebration is complete without a cake and, thanks to Sandra, the Leos were able to blow out the candles on an iced chocolate cake – complete with a little Lion.



The Celebration ended with food for all and a quick game of skittles – won by Lion Nick who himself was a Leo many years ago!

Sue Wilding, *Ross-on-Wye.*

Hereford News ...

Hereford Lions Club is buying a £9,000 bladder scanner for the Urology department at the city's county hospital after one of its members made several visits to the department for check-ups on his bladder, only for the vital scanner to fail each time. He was told the unit was desperate for a new, up-to-date scanner, but NHS funds were not available. When the club heard the fellow member's story, they voted to pay for the new top of the range scanner, a blessing for the huge number of patients suffering with bladder problems.

The club has already donated £10,000 towards the £28,000 costs of a new Prostate cancer sample testing machine and £5,000 to help build in a special delivery suite in the maternity unit for families whose child dies at birth. It is families and individuals who suffer if the NHS does not have funds to buy vitally needed new equipment, said community support team leader, Lion Simon Swancott.

Hereford's campaign to help tackle loneliness, launched last autumn, is winning community support, with some half dozen requests for the club's offer of grants for new projects being received.

Our weekly car boot sales re-start on 6 April and we will be taking part in District 105W's April litter pick.

George Thomas, *Marketing, Hereford.*

Activities Snippets ...

Activity snippets sourced from the Activity Reports completed last month on MyLCI up to 27 March.

Black Mountains Club financially supported the 2019 Bob Cook Games for the Disabled.

Cotswold Fosseway Club helped a local Scout member to attend the World Jamboree.

Dursley Club continue their weekly furniture sales.

Forest of Dean Club donated to James Hopkins Trust providing respite for children.

Frome Club raised charity funds from their Sponsored Swim.

Gower Llwehwr Estuary Club held a bucket collection for Comic Relief.

Hereford Club took their used spectacles to District Convention for onwards by Medico France.

Keynsham & District Club held their annual Quiz Night and Supper evening.

Llandrindod Wells Club fundraised for Marie Curie.

Radstock & Midsomer Norton Club supported Midsomer Norton Arts Festival to be held in July.

Severn Dean Club assisted a gentleman with defibrillator to provide a mobile phone connection.

Swansea Club donated their Tesco collection to Marie Curie.

Tetbury Club funded a free showing of a film for local children.

John Seymour, Communications Team Leader, 105w.

May News Update ...

For May 2019 News Update, please submit articles to news@lions105w.org.uk by 25 April . *Editor Derek.*

Diary Dates ...

April

- 5 DG attending Frome Charter.
- 6 Club Officer Training, Swansea.
- 7 MD GMT meeting, MDHQ.
DG attending Radstock & MSN Charter Lunch.
- 10 DG attending Zone J Meeting, Midsomer Norton.
- 12 DG attending Glastonbury & Street Charter.
- 13 DG attending Chipping Sodbury Charter Dinner.
- 22 – 27 District Plastic Pick Week.
- 27 DG attending Dursley Charter
- 28 Club Officer Training, Bristol.

May

- 3 COG Meeting.
- 4-5 MD Convention, Marriot Hotel & Brangwyn Hall, Swansea.
Rossbeerfest, Ross-on-Wye.
- 11 DG attending Bridgend Charter.
- 10 Keynsham & District Charter Dinner.
- 12 105SW Officers Training Day, Okehampton.
Wild Boar Chase Cycle event, organised by Forest of Dean & Severn Dean clubs.
- 17 DG attending Ross-on-Wye Charter Dinner.
- 18 DG attending Cotswold Fosseyway Charter Dinner.
- 19 am. 105W Cabinet Meeting, Newport.
pm. Zone Chairpersons Workshop, Newport

The diary dates are extracted from the District Calendar on our Website, www.lions105w.org.uk. **ANYONE** can enter events onto this Calendar, but to amend or delete entries contact the webmaster: webmaster@lions105w.org.uk.

MD 105 CONVENTION

As I am sure you all know, MD convention this year will be in Swansea, in the heart of the Welsh part of our distinct, 105W.

Let's celebrate this final year of District 105W with a convention to remember.

Friday Night's host night party has a theme of 'Back to the Future' – make of that what you will – this will be hosted at the Marriott Hotel. Fancy dress or smart casual.

The business meeting will take place on Saturday at the Brangwyn Hall. Partners will be visiting the National Botanical Gardens of Wales.

The Banquet and Ball will also be at the Brangwyn Hall – Formal dress.

Sunday mornings we let our hair down and welcome the incoming District Governors.



The Marriot Hotel.



The imposing Brangwyn Hall

Booking information can be found on the MD website at <https://www.md105convention.uk/index.html>

Derek Livsey, Ed.