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105W NEWS UPDATE

Lion Godfrey Morris - District Governor



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My Fellow Lions.

Records were broken at our 42nd Convention at the beginning of last month, held at The Gables Hotel, Falfield. Clubs were challenged to bring along as many spectacles as they could to meet a target of

15,000 pairs of glasses. Surpassing all expectations we received 20,900 pairs. A big thankyou to all the clubs that participated in this event, it brought home to me what we can achieve when all our clubs work together. A van from Medico was driven from France by Pascale and loaded with these glasses, which at the end of Convention, were going to be delivered direct to Medico. Their grateful thanks have been received and they congratulate all our Clubs for their efforts.

Attendance was up for both the Friday Night host night and for the Saturday night Banquet & Ball. Our Convention day was well attended with extra seating needed to be provided to accommodate everyone attending exceeding our expectations, well done Lions.

It was a privilege to welcome our keynote speaker International Director Gabriele Sabatosanti Scarpelli & his wife Bianca Pavoni, DG of District 103 Normandie Georges Delboe and wife Anne, VDG2 Mary Vonne Le Vot, Interpreter Pascale Grieve, and finally DG 105SW Fred Broom and wife Wendy. All have forwarded their e-mails thanking us for our hospitality and friendship. It would be improper of me not to give my grateful thanks to our Sergeant at Arms, Lion Byron Hughes and his Convention Team for all their hard work in the organising of this event, together with all the Lions who participated in making it an enjoyable occasion.

Convention at District 105SW:

I have attended on your behalf the Convention of District 105SW held at Croyde Bay Holiday Park, close to Barnstable. Anne and I received a kind and friendly welcome, the Key Speaker was PID Phil Nathan. The venue was well chosen and met all the requirements for this event. It also had an extra ingredient being close to the sea, (too cold for swimming), but nice to view the vista. It was interesting to be able to observe how another District runs it's Convention, and my congratulations go to DG Fred Broom and his fellow Lions for a great weekend.

Convention at District 103 Normandie:

By the time you are reading this News Update, I should have attended the Convention of District 103 Normandie at

Rouen, France, on your behalf, and I will endeavour to report on my visit in the next 'News Update'.

Club Visits:

My club visits are now complete and I am looking forward to my visits to Club Charter Anniversaries, where Anne and I have been kindly invited. Charter celebrations are where our Lions can renew old friendships and make new ones, and that applies also to your District Governor!

Membership:

It is good to be able to report on the efforts of our clubs to attract new members. I had the pleasure of badging a new member for Calne Lions Club, and Ammanford Lions informed me at their Charter Night that they have a possible 7 new members in hand. This is just a sample of what is happening throughout our District. I was pleased to welcome 6 new members to the family of Lions in our last News Update. Keep up the good work and congratulations to you all for the efforts being made.

Zone Chairperson:

I have appointed to our Cabinet Team, Lion Geoff Bull to fill the vacant post of Zone G Chairperson and formally welcome him to our team. zoneg@lions105w.org.uk

Centenary Year:

Well we are well into our Centenary Year and our clubs are making an excellent effort to celebrate this milestone in the history of LCI. Please may I remind you to notify LCI on your Club's MyLCI regarding your Clubs activities?

Training Days:

Once again may I encourage you to send representative Lions to these events, they are designed to provide up to the minute information etc. There is much to be gained from these sessions. May I also ask more Clubs to participate in the competition events, the more entries received the more exciting the events become.

Bob Cook Games:

At Convention, Chippenham Lions Club received an award for their work with the Bob Cook Games and have sent me a letter of thanks. They have asked me to remind all the participating Clubs that no matter what transpires with redistricting, all Clubs will still be most welcome.

Conclusion:

Thanks for all the good wishes that I have received and the support shown at Convention, and sincerely trust that you had an enjoyable time. I was reminded a short time ago that I will be an also ran soon, this was by way of an invitation to join the PDG Fellowship Weekend!!!!

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Lion Godfrey C. Morris District Governor, 105W.

Membership Welcome ...

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

Bristol Brunel	Jason Pearce.
Calne	Joanna Morgan.
Pembroke & Pembroke Dock	Oriel Johnson, Barbara Rapley, John Rapley, Peter Wormell.
Severn Dean	Hugh Gray-Wallis.

105W Members end of March 2017 – 943



Higher Service ...

It is with deep regret that News Update reports the passing to higher service of: **Lion Eric Goode**, Chipping Sodbury Lions Club.

District Governor Lion Godfrey and all Lion members, extend sincere condolences to Liz and his family.

Swindon's Charity Trolley Dash ...

Swindon Lions Club organised their first ever Trolley Dash at their local Cooperative Supermarket in Swindon's Old Town.



One Two Three GOOOOO...

Started by Swindon's Mayor, Councilor Eric Shaw the prize draw winner, Austen Gray, looked on by his family of 3 young children, dashed around the supermarket filling up his trolley in a set time with as many different food items as he could. These included meat, pasta, soft drinks, pet food etc., totaling nearly £120. He also received a drinks donation from the store's manager to celebrate his achievement.

The event raised £1200 which will be donated to the local Young Carers Service at Swindon Carers Centre to allow the Young Carers to attend a Fun Respite Day.

The Club is looking to a possible similar event later in the year at another Supermarket for a local worthwhile charity.

Lion Maurice Watson, Community & PRO Chairperson.

105W Club Officers Days 2017/18 ...

All 1st and 2nd Vice Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership Chairpersons these days are for you!

Lion DG Goff along with Lions DGE Steve and 1st VDGE Sally are working very closely together as a team for the benefit of our district and wish to see the same close

liaison within clubs. This close working relationship will ensure that current Club Officers are supported, incoming Club Officers have the opportunity to see what the role entails and clubs see a coherent leadership team working for the benefit of their club.

Interactivity will be the main stay of the day, questions will be answered fully, challenges taken on board and issued, current practices looked at to see how they fit with today's ways of thinking.

Yes we will spend time listening as a group, but we will also spend time working with each other, listening to each other, offering ways forward to each other, sharing ideas, finding out how we can work with our neighbouring clubs and what they can do for us, finding out what the association can and does do for us. Above all fellow Lions, we will be supporting each other.

Fellow Lions, please come along and make these days lively, interesting, enjoyable, worthwhile and days to remember, days that you will recommend your successors attend next year. The days are:

Sunday 2 April 2017, 09.30 -16.00

Holiday Inn, The Coldra, Newport, P18 2YG

Sunday 14 May 2017, 09.30 -16.00

Aztec Hotel, Aztec West, Almondsbury, Bristol, BS32 4TS

Any other club members who wish to come along with you are most welcome.

Please advise me of your attendance for catering purposes

Lion Bill O'Neill leadership@lions105w.org.uk

London Marathon ...

On Sunday 23 April 2017, Tetbury Lion Tony Sykes will be running the Virgin London Marathon, one of just 10 Lions Club members in the United Kingdom to secure a Gold Bond place to run on behalf of Lions International Centenary. These prized places have been made available by Chester Lions Club, the only Club in the country to offer such an opportunity. All ten members of 'Team Lions' will be raising money for Blind Veterans UK, Llandudno.



Tony is no stranger to marathon running, having previously run the New York Marathon and two London marathons and while these were some years ago, he is making sure he is in good shape to take on this huge challenge. In addition to

building up his distance running, his weekly training regime includes a strict dietary routine, some weight training and cycling to boost his muscle ability and shed the pounds. He is confident that on the day he will achieve a very respectable time of something over four hours. Like the other members of 'Team Lions', Tony is committed to raising at least £2,500 in sponsorship. After securing £500 within 24 hours, he has now doubled his target to £5,000.

If you wish to support him in this huge challenge, please go to his just giving page located at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/tonysykes> and let's see if we can make him boost his target again!

Ken White, Tetbury.

Hereford membership drive ...

Led by Lion Jim Hamilton, Hereford has launched a new membership drive, and already has seven potential new members lined up, including two husband and wife couples as well as two other ladies. The club invited them all to a get to know each other social evening and supper in March prior to going through the formal application process.

The club has some 30 active members, but has long recognised it needed to recruit new and younger men and women to ensure its long term future. Said Lion Jim: "Hereford has always been a strong and active club but new blood is vital and I am pleased this new campaign has got off to such a good start."

The Lions Clubs International centenary logo has been incorporated into two new display units to help the campaign and made their debut at the club's annual race night in February which attracted a sell-out crowd of 220.



Photo: President Dave Hartland shows off the eye catching display units.

George Thomas, PRO, Hereford.

105w DG's Handover Lunch ...

Sunday 16 July 2017

Last years handover was situated in Thornbury, Bristol area and was a success with Members. This year we are holding another Lunchtime Handover, but in Bridgend, Wales.

All Lions members and partners are invited to join us for a delicious 3 course lunch to celebrate the District Governor Handover, from DG Lion Godfrey Morris to DGE Lion Steve Petty. Both these Lions would be delighted to see as many of you as possible to come along to this year's District 105W Handover Lunch, on 16 July 2017. Arrive at 12 midday for lunch at 12.30.

The Venue is Best Western Heronston Hotel & Spa. Ewenny Road, Bridgend, Cardiff, CF35 5AW.

Bed & Breakfast accommodation is available at £75.00 for single and £80.00 for two. Just mention 'Lions Handover'.

More information on our website.

Jackie Warren, Secretary 105W.

Northleach & Fosse news ...

The 'Great British Spring Clean' in Northleach – a joint initiative between the Town Council and Northleach & Fosse Lions Club – has won the backing of businesses across the town.

Coffee, tea and soft drinks will be made freely available at the town's cafes and wine bar to all community volunteers after the clean-up on the morning of Saturday 8 April. It is hoped there will be a big turn-out by families and residents of all ages, so much so that the meeting of volunteers at 10am for the start of the 2 hour event has been moved from the Town Square to the School Playground, where there is more space to gather safely.

Following their 'Clean for the Queen' initiative last year, the Lions Club has agreed to play a supporting role in this year's wider community event. The plan is for all the volunteers to be photographed together at the end with their bagged collection.

Mark Ogden, PRO, Northleach & Fosse.

Spectacles Galore !!!

From all over the District they came – in all manner of boxes, bin bags and shopping bags; almost 21,000 pairs of used spectacles. What a great response to our appeal. To say that we were surprised would be an understatement. We had hoped that we might achieve a figure between 10 & 15 thousand, but the final total greatly exceeded our expectations.



The spectacles were loaded into a Medico van by willing helpers and taken to France after Convention. Pascale Grieve writes, "All the spectacles have been dropped at MEDICO on Monday and the whole MEDICO team was there to acknowledge the great delivery. They are grateful too for the generous effort of your District". The International President is to visit France shortly and our delivery will be brought to his attention also.

Thank you to every club and individual who helped make this venture a great success it demonstrated that working together Lions can do wonderful things.

PDG Harry Smith, Sight & LEHP Adviser.

Monthly Newsfeed ...

For seven months now, the MD PRO team has been sending out monthly news feeds via District Secretaries. All the newsfeeds are available on the MD website at

<http://lionsclubs.co/Monthly>. Club PROs, do you sometimes struggle to find material for your local press? Just click on the link and you may well find something you can use.

Mandy Broadbent, MD PR & Marketing Team.

Competitions Corner ...



Congratulations! The Clubs who won our competitions this year now have their trophies and can congratulate themselves on their achievements.

And so we move on to the next round!

The number of Clubs entering the Fellowship Competition is increasing – 12 Clubs to date which is a great increase and means that a quarter of our District are now joining in. Fantastic. Anyone with any points to claim from Convention, Zone meetings, Facebook Training Days, Charter Nights and so on, please fill in the form and get it to me asap. Next month I will publish the list of Clubs and points claimed so remember – you snooze you loose!

Sue Wilding, competitions@lions105w.org.uk

Centennial Ball 20 May 2017 ...

Aztec Hotel and Spa Bristol:

If you are quick, there is still a chance that you could get in! Menu choices and monies need to be sent to District Treasurer, Lion Alan Denham.

Check out the District Website Centennial page or contact me centennial@lions105w.org.uk. This is going to be a fantastic event for us all to join together as a District and celebrate all those 'Magic Moments' we have created.

WANTED: To assist the District with promoting and sharing our 'Magic Moments', **High Resolution Club Photographs.** (Chippenham have sent in some photos of the Bob Cook Games). Please send, preferably on a CD, to Lion Jake Nelson, Homelea, Kelmscott, GL7 3HE.

Thank you, Fellow Lions for all your support.

Julia O'Neil lion.julia@virginmedia.com

Peace poster 2017 ...

Fellow Lions it's time to be looking for our next, peace poster competition winner for District 105w Will it be your Club this year? You have to be in it to win it!!!

This year we are celebrating 30 years of the Peace Poster Competition and the theme for 2017-2018 is 'The Future of Peace'.

11, 12 and 13 year old students as of 15 November 15 are eligible to enter this competition. So Club Youth Officers, speak to your local schools, see if you can get them on board and let the children show us **'THE FUTURE OF PEACE'**

Peace Poster Packs can be obtained from MDHQ at £14 each which contains everything your club needs to sponsor the competition.

Closing date will be October 2017

If you need any further information or help please contact me on 01792 932698 or by email.

Chris Sheldon, peaceposter@lions105w.org.uk

LCIF ...

Lions Clubs International Foundation has supported the compassionate works of Lions around the world for nearly 50 years. Our foundation addresses humanitarian needs

everywhere, every day, and has improved the lives of countless people since it was founded in 1968.

Recently, LCIF reached an incredible milestone: our foundation has now awarded more than US\$1 billion in grant funding. Think for a moment about what that means. Think of all the measles vaccinations, the sight-saving interventions, youth education and clean water wells. Together with leaders, Lions, partners and friends, we have left a permanent footprint on our world. LCIF improves the lives of everyone it touches and I hope you are proud of this amazing accomplishment.

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, Chairperson, LCIF.

Greetings from the Philippines ...

In accordance with the celebrations of the International Week of Service from 25-31 March, I have tried to bring together humanitarian clubs and organizations, bonded them to work together to achieve the noble aims of the Lions Clubs International.

Pembroke & Pembroke Dock Lions, Fishguard & Goodwick Lions, Cyfelliion Cymuned Laoac (a humanitarian organization based in



Aberystwyth) and Ireland's Uruise (the Irish word for fresh water), joined hands together to alleviate the sufferings of those less fortunate than ourselves.



This Unity Group came into fruition through the rapport I have established with these groups. We have carried out projects in Protecting the Environment, Preventing Hunger (Feeding Program), and Engaging the Youth.

Ben Manluctao, Zone A Chairperson.

Activities snippets ...

Activity snippets sourced from the Activity Reports completed by Clubs on MyLCI in March.

Ammanford Club delivered 'Meals on Wheels'.

Carmarthen Club contributed to the 'Centennial Measles

Vaccination' appeal.

Chipping Sodbury Club supported the 'Marie Curie Daffodil' project.

Dursley Club made a memorial donation on behalf of the late Tony De Young to the Willow Trust.

Fishguard and Goodwick Club joined forces to provide nutritious food for children in the Philippines.

Glantawe Swansea Valley Club made a 'Sharing the Vision' donation to support a blind lady with tablet equipment.

Keynsham and District Club delivered 1300 used spectacles making over 20,000 spectacles collected at Convention and forwarded to Medico France.

Lechlade and District Club held their annual charity auction of furniture and household goods.

Melksham Club placed Reception packs at a hostel for vulnerable people which were well received.

Ross Leos donated to a replacement local bus to aid the elderly.

Swansea Club donated to Marie Curie in Llanelli.

Please get your Club Secretary to report your Club's activities on MyLCI and project the Lions image to the general public.

Lion John Seymour, Communications Team Leader.

Diary Dates April

- 1 Devizes Sports Coaching.
Porthcawl Charter Anniversary Dinner.
Black Mountains Charter Anniversary.
Gower & Llŵchwr Est. Charter Anniversary.
- 2 Devizes Sports Coaching.
Incoming Club Officers training day, Newport.
UN day in Wales, Wrexham.
- 7 Chipping Sodbury 46th Charter Anniversary
- 12 Zone F meeting, Chepstow.
- 20-21 Council of Governors Meeting, Blackpool.
- 21-23 MD Convention, Blackpool.
- 30 Radstock & MSN 40th Charter Anniversary.

Diary Dates May

- 1 Devizes May Fayre.
- 5 Ross on Wye Charter Night.
- 7 105W Cabinet Meeting, Newport.
- 10 Zone J meeting, Radstock.
Devizes Charity Golf Day.
- 13 Bridgend 42nd Charter Anniversary.
- 14 Incoming Club Officers training day, Bristol.
- 20 **Centennial Masked May Ball, Bristol.**
- 26 Keynsham & District Charter Anniversary.

May News Update ...

For May 2017 News Update, please submit articles to news@lions105w.org.uk by 25 April. *Editor Derek*

Some pictures from Convention.



Colin Marsh, Radstock & MSN, Fellowship Trophy



Best Club Trophy received on behalf of Caerffili Club by Zone Chairperson Lion Rhys Lewis



Roland Hughes, Llantwit Major, best kept Website Trophy



Lizzie receiving the Young Ambassador Trophy