



# Lions Clubs International District 105CE

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention



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Norwich

**District Governor  
Lion Paul Southerton**



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## WELCOME FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR      LION PAUL SOUTHERTON

### **Welcome to the 5<sup>th</sup> 105CE District Convention from District Governor Paul Southerton**

I am honoured to have been able to serve you as District Governor for 2023/2024. It seems hard to believe that I am near the end of eight years serving on the District cabinet. Three years as Zone Chair, two years as Region Chair. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG and finally as District Governor.

I was told to enjoy every day as being part of the DG team is a fantastic journey that you only get to do once.

Our Convention Officer Lion John Potter along with our Convention hosts Lion David King and Lion Kelly-Marie Thompson and the rest of the team have done a fantastic job in organising, promoting, and delivering a great convention.

My motto this year is “Lions are the Heart of Service” and as we all know the work that we do in our communities is called service. Service starts at the centre of our community. The centre of our community is the heart of our community.

During the last two and half years I have visited most clubs within our District and my wife Sue has accompanied me on some special events and a lot of club Charters. It is always a pleasure to visit clubs and make new friends and find out different ways in which our members serve their communities. Thank you for making Sue and myself feel very welcome.

I would like you all to extend a very warm welcome to our International guests Past International Director Dr Lion Gary Anderson and his wife Lion Cheryl. Both are Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows and come from The Grand Rapids Lions Club in Michigan USA. Lion Gary is a Doctor of Optometry and has been in practice for over 40 years. He is a very passionate Lion and has received numerous awards in recognition of his service to this organisation.

Again, I would like you to give a very warm welcome to our Twinning guests:

PDG Lion Renate and Lion Gunter  
Kastrowski- Kraft District 111 NH Germany  
PDG Lion Jean Luc Robert 103 N France  
PDG Lion Richard Paris 112 D Belgium  
District Governor Bruno Decherf 103 N France  
District Governor Kevin Harty 133 Ireland  
Plus, District Governor Lesley Spence 105 A

My wife Sue has chosen Cardiomyopathy UK as her charity for this year, and this has been well accepted and supported by clubs in our District, on behalf of this Sue, I thank you for this. Cardiomyopathy is a disease affecting the muscles in and around the heart. At a recent Charter we met a Lion suffering from this condition.



There are Lions in our District who have supported me over the past three years including my cabinet officers and previous cabinet officers. Thanks also to my club Hunstanton for your support. My heartfelt thanks to you all.

Finally, a special thank you to my wife Sue for your support and help with a lot of things.

Many thanks

Paul

## **International Guest – Lion Dr. Gary Anderson**

### **PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Dr. Gary Anderson, from Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 93<sup>rd</sup> International Convention, held in Sydney, Australia, June 28 through July 2, 2010.

Past Director Anderson is a Doctor of Optometry in private practice for 45 years.

A member of the Grand Rapids Lions Club since 1979, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, district governor and council chairperson. He also served as CSFII district coordinator, host committee chairman of the 2007 USA/Canada Forum in Grand Rapids, a member of the USA/Canada Forum planning committee 8 years, culminating in being the General Chairperson for the 2016 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Omaha. Past Director Anderson was a DGE Group leader at the International Conventions in Hamburg and Montreal and has led or participated in 42 Lions vision missions to Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America, Kenya and Suriname. PID Anderson is also a board member of Lions KidSight USA and served as a Board Appointee 2021-2022 for LCI President Douglas X. Alexander.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the Henry Voet Grand Rapids Lifetime Achievement Award, the Lions of Michigan Foundation Humanitarian Award, the Grandville and Betty Cutler Leadership Award, the S.A. Dodge MD-11 Distinguished Service Award, the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame, one International President's Leadership Award, ten International President's Medals and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a Major Donor for Campaign 100.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Anderson is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the American Optometric Association and the Michigan Optometric Association. He has also served as a member of the Michigan Eye Bank board and as Board President of the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Past Director Anderson and his wife, Cheryl, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son and two daughters, all of whom are Lions and whose spouses are Lions. They have three grandsons and four granddaughters who are all future Lions.



**1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor****Lion Colin Talbot**

I have been privileged to attend and be on the judging panel for Lions Roar. This as we all know produces some really inspiring ideas from children in our schools and is something I believe that all our clubs should get behind and encourage our local schools to take part in.

I have visited several clubs in our District at their monthly meetings and at some of these I have presented long service awards to some of our members. It is always an honour to present these awards and at one particular club fifteen of our great lions all received certificates and chevrons on the same evening. But congratulations to all in our district who have received these such deserving awards.

I helped out at the Feed THE 5000 in Lincoln which was well organised and attended by Lions and the public.

The majority of the public came to us for food, however myself and another couple of Lions took food to homeless people sleeping in shop doorways which for me was a very humbling experience.

Our weekly DG team meetings have continued and are light-hearted sessions of relating information to each other.

A caravan and camping club page has been started on our monthly newsletter and I urge all interested members to make their constructive comments relating to their experiences of various sites that they have been to.

My DG training is now at a busy point and by the time of the convention I will have been to Chicago for four days training with the majority of incoming District Governor's from around the world.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor****Lion Chris Speed**

I've dedicated the past six months to a sabbatical, allowing me the freedom to immerse myself in volunteer work. Embarking on a series of club visits has proven to be an incredibly enriching experience, affording me the opportunity to connect with numerous Lions members.

Throughout this journey, I've undertaken club visits, engaging in meaningful conversations, addressing inquiries, and bestowing Long Service Awards upon deserving individuals. Notably, I encountered a member who had sponsored fellow Lions, showcasing the impactful ripple effect within our community.

In response to a backlog of eyeglasses, the District Governor (DG) team and I collaborated to devise solutions. This initiative entailed me traversing multiple clubs with a sizable van to collect the eyewear, subsequently making a trip to Lions Headquarters in Birmingham to deliver them, reinforcing our commitment to service.

Simultaneously, my continued involvement in the MD105 Strategic Development Committee has been instrumental. By contributing to this committee, I am privileged to have a hand in shaping the future trajectory of the Lions in our district.

Amidst these endeavours, I've commenced my second Vice District Governor (VDG) training online, a resourceful platform that has proven to be immensely beneficial. This

ongoing commitment reflects my dedication to furthering my skills and knowledge, ensuring I am well-equipped to contribute effectively to the Lions community.

In summary, my extended hiatus from work has been a period of deep engagement, marked by club visits, logistical resolutions, strategic committee participation, and ongoing professional development through VDG training. As I continue down this path, I remain steadfast in my commitment to the Lions and our collective mission of service and community betterment.

My future plans are to undertake more club visits to help me understand what as a DG team we can do to help in the development of our great district.

### **Strategic Planning Team**

**Lion Chris Hibbert**

The Strategic Planning Team comprises the DG Team and the portfolio leads, we meet once a month to discuss District matters, such as budget, resolutions and matters arising with the aim of supporting the District Governor.

This year we have tried to add a little more Strategy.

In line with the International President's Mission 1.5, to grow our global membership to 1.5 million by July 2027, we agreed to the aim of 2030 by 2030. The idea being to reach 2030 members by June 2030.

**“2030 by 2030”**

At the time we set this target, we had 1530 members (June 2023) which means increasing our membership by 500 members. I know this sounds unrealistic, but we have 7 years to achieve this, which mean just 72 new members per year.

**“72 new members per year”**

#### **Possible?**

Well, we have already added 72 new members so far this year, so huge congratulations to every club who has added members. So, can we sit back and relax...?

#### **I'm afraid not....!**

Unfortunately, we have lost 109 members. Many of which have resigned in good standing. We all have a part to play here, it is our responsibility to make sure our new members are listened to, encouraged, mentored and most importantly made to feel welcome.

If we are ever going to change our direction of travel with regards to growing our membership, we need to recruit and retain our members. There is still time to turn things around this year, speak to your members, check if they're satisfied, listen and deal with any issues that arise. Remember, it's their club too.

**“Recruit and retain”**

Can we grow our membership? It's up to all of us.

Should we grow our membership? Oh yes, most definitely!

The world today needs Lions more than ever, with climate change, wars and political and socio-economic changes affecting people across the world in various ways. We have the projects that matter that help address some of these needs, whether these are big or small.

Remember we might not change the world, but we can change someone's world.

Be proud to be Lion, shout it from the rooftops, tell everyone you see what you do, what your club does, what your association does and don't forget WHY you do it.

### **District Secretary**

**Lion Keith Radley**

The Secretaries year since the last CE Convention.

At the end of Convention notified international office of the outcomes of the vote to elect the CE District Governor team (DGT) for 2023-24 also, I ordered the DGT's name badges.



Collated the incoming Cabinet officer's details to allow notifications to be distributed correctly. This data is also used to produce the district' directory.

As clubs updated MyLCI with the incoming club officer's details use the downloaded date to produce the club's section of the district directory.

I thank all the club secretaries who during the year have notified me of changes to their club's meeting day and / or times also changes to their club's officers.

Any changes notified to me result in my updating my distribution lists and the district directory – version 13 of this year's directory has just been uploaded onto the district website.

To allow the distribution of this year's directory in a reasonable timescale we decided to go to print in July, this allowed us to distribute the printed version in early August.

Unfortunately, most of the other districts were not as quick and efficient as our district so I could not download their data until after our printer's deadline. For the other 7 district's there is only the online version on both the district and MD websites.

During the year I have collated and printed the Cabinet papers on 4 occasions, attend and supported the Information Technology and Communications Team meetings and extracted and/or provided data for inclusion on the website and other applications used by the district.

Attended the Global Membership Group meetings, and the Strategic Planning Team – not only taking part in the discussions but also producing the minutes.

Virtually every Sunday evening the District Governor team meet and discuss future activities, any problems that have developed and anything that will aid the district continuing to be the force of continued excellence and service.

Generally, I support all clubs where and when difficulties are met, like getting members MyLCI/LION access restored, advising secretaries how to complete various actions on MYLCI/LION etc.

Currently, like all secretaries I am awaiting the new Lions Portal at International to be released for use so I can develop a new information presentation for ALL club Secretaries and Administration Officers learning sessions currently planned for May and June.

## **District Treasurer Report**

## **Lion Paula Mellows**

The District Accounts for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 have been independently examined – my thanks to Raja Santhi from M Aslam Accountants, Nottingham.

Club accounts for 2022-23 have been coming through, as per previous years I have been keeping a tally of the amount that the Lions Clubs of this District have donated to Charitable organisations for the year ending June 2023 so far we have donated £468,367.53 but this figure will increase when all accounts have been submitted (33 Clubs still to come in) – This is really a FANTASIC amount and everyone should be congratulated on a Job WELL DONE.

If you are keeping a tally on the total donated so far as a District – this has now risen to £2,884,473.69 in just 5 years.

Once again, this year has seen various appeals for donations towards Disaster relief by LCIF as well as our ongoing commitment to the various Lions projects that we support – Clubs have again risen to the challenge and donated. Listed below as at the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 are the amounts donated through District to the following Lions projects:

Water Aid - £2400.00  
Eye Camps - £4810.00  
Balls 4 All - £438.60

Korle Bu - £1700.00  
LIBRA - £800.00  
LCIF - £34162.00

Brain Tumour - £4360.09  
District Disaster - £650.00

MD Disaster – £1150.00

All these totals are a fantastic achievement and one every Lion should be proud of.

Always reminding Clubs that any monies going to International for Dues needs to be in my hands by the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month for it to be credited that month, anything received after that date will be credited the following month and may be subject to an exchange rate difference.

The district accounts for the year 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 are at the end of this document.

## **Region & Zone Reports**

### **Region 1**

### **Lion Peter Wallwork**

I have transferred to Peterborough Lions Club following the closure of Huntingdon Grafham Water Lions Club.

Leading the closure of my old club, making sure those Lions that wished to transfer to another club did so – 3 transferred to Peterborough Club.

Made arrangements for the reuse of items from Huntingdon Grafham Water, with almost all items distributed to other Clubs in the Region.

With improving weather and lighter evenings arrange to visit more clubs in the Region.

### **Region 1 Zone 1A**

### **Lion Nicola Claxton**

No report

### **Region 1 Zone 1B**

### **Lion Ian Constable**

As Zone Chairperson, this year, I have had three zone meetings, hosted by Peterborough, March Lions Clubs and the most recent one by Wisbech Lions Club. They went well with good attendance and plenty of fun and fellowship.

Since the Convention last year, I have visited all the clubs in the Zone, in recent months, with work, I have been doing more unsociable hours, with an outcome I was not able to the support the clubs with their Christmas and other events as I would have liked.

The clubs in Zone 1B are Huntingdon Grafham Water, March, Peterborough, Whittlesey & District and Wisbech. In June we were joined by Peterborough Lions, Club Branch "Trinity." However, due to dwindling membership Huntingdon Grafham Water Lions Club closed on 31-Dec-23, with some of their members have transferring to Peterborough Lions Club.

All the clubs face challenges:

- Two lost their club secretaries due to unforeseen circumstances, which caused a few headaches, but these have been resolved and things are moving forward. This highlights the need for succession planning.
- Insurance, despite undertaking very similar Christmas events, it seems one club was charged an extra premium. Another club may have to cancel an event if they do not receive sensible answers from our insurance providers.
- Membership, always a hard topic and we know what works in area may not work in another. Although one club seems to have the magic touch, it may be due to one of their members being a taxi driver, who likes to talk about Lions to his clients!

Each club is unique and has their own way of doing things. Like other Lions Clubs, the average age of the membership is going up and as a result, activities must adapt, to cater for the membership. All the clubs remain optimistic and carry-on doing service for their communities.

**Region 1 Zone 1C****Lion Robyn Banks**

I continue to monitor Clubs in the Zone reporting service – this includes encouraging this to take place. It should be noted that two clubs in the zone still continue to have no contact with me.

I have tried to get the clubs to engage with the project brought to the District by New Century for the Leo who requires a new “disabled” trike. New Century and East Anglia Lioness have pledged some funds to contribute to this matter, but I have had no communication on the matter from Helen Keller or Centennial 100 Clubs.

Regular zone meetings have not been possible with the lack of contact from two of the four clubs. I continue to do what I can for the two clubs who do engage. I visited New Century meeting when I attended their Charter in November 2023.

**Region 2:****Lion Tim Watts**

I remain an active member of the monthly Membership meetings and find them informative and great for sparking new ideas.

I attended the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Berlin and was very impressed by the quality of training there – every bit as good as I recall receiving when I was in paid employment. I visited Clacton Lions club and was very impressed by the range and frequency of activities they are engaged in – service, fund raising and social.

As zone 2A remains without a Zone chairperson, I intend to visit the remaining clubs in the coming months. I was invited to attend the Mersea Lions Annual Cheque Presentation evening - which proved both an enjoyable and an informative night.

Hopefully long-term arrangements for the transport of spectacles to Birmingham will be made soon. This will allow clubs to plan for, and potentially store, spectacles collected locally.

**Region 2 Zone 2A****T.B.A**

No Zone Chair

**Region 2 Zone 2b****Lion Andrew Zelkin**

I have all the necessary paperwork for disposing of any waste for the button batteries and have started to circulate this to people that have asked me.

I have had some positive feedback from other clubs both in and outside the district.

I will be collecting batteries from clubs at convention and multi district convention.

When delivering used button batteries please mark packaging with the club's name so I can produce a chart for everybody that will show them the value of the batteries collected.

**Region 2 Zone 2c****Lion Trevor Hull**

I held a Zone Meeting for Monday, 4th March 2024, at which Sue Hibbert – District Youth Team Chair came and dispelled any misunderstandings about several aspects of the Youth portfolio, and at the same time she introduced us to the rest of the Youth Team and their portfolios.

I am currently working on plans to try and establish a Region project for a Disabled Swimming Gala to coincide with the Southend Clubs Disabled Sports Day.

**Region 3****Lion Sue Cowee**

No report – see Zone 3c

### **Region 3 Zone 3A**

### **Lion Kelly-Marie Thompson**

**Zone 3A** has witnessed exceptional dedication and service from all its clubs throughout the lionistic year. Each club has not only offered immediate assistance to local causes but has also contributed resources and opportunities to uplift their surrounding communities. Their active presence on social media platforms has further amplified their impact, making them well-recognized entities in their respective areas.

**Acle and Brundall Lions** have maintained their reputation for excellence by hosting their highly acclaimed monthly quizzes, listed among the top 7 quiz nights in Norfolk by the Eastern Daily Press. Alongside their Christmas events and support for local fundraisers, they've orchestrated a successful garage sale spanning Acle and an annual Fun Day Fete.

**Great Yarmouth Lions** have demonstrated remarkable growth, earning recognition with the ROAR programme, and securing the Club Excellence Award this year. Their involvement in Defibrillator and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training with fellow Lions clubs showcases their commitment to community safety. Additionally, their sponsorship of the local Great Yarmouth Town F.C Youth team and strong ties with schools and organizations highlight their community engagement. The perennial success of their Santa sleigh event further underscores their impactful contributions.

**Norfolk Broads Lions** have actively engaged the community through their Santa Sleigh initiative, rallying community support to cover as many routes as possible. Their generous donations to Hemsby Lifeboat and Ormesby 'Stay and Play' reflect their dedication to supporting essential services and enhancing resources for families in need. Furthermore, their contribution to the community playground rebuild in Caister underscores their commitment to local infrastructure development.

**Wroxham & Hoveton Lions** have displayed their generosity by purchasing three generators to aid Duncan Baker MP's consignment to Ukraine. Their steadfast support for the village fete and the flourishing Charity Shop demonstrates their ongoing dedication to community events and fundraising endeavours.

### **Region 3 Zone 3B**

### **Lion Nicola Claxton**

**Dereham:** Starting car boot events again in March.

Have been out collecting money in December at supermarkets and town square.

**Norwich North Alpha:** Sent 4 children and their parents to a hotel for 2 nights and a trip to Chessington World of Adventures.

Supporting Car parking at local Football Club, generating a good charity income.

The club is also collecting football boots for recycling.

**Reepham: Organised a** Christmas food fest and donated a Christmas tree, money raised split 50/50 to church and club.

2 members are going to CE convention.

**Taverham and District:** Cheque for a new at Drayton Hall.

3 weeks in December out on their sleigh. Supported a Day centre Christmas lunch.

### **Region 3 Zone 3C**

### **Lion Sue Cowee**

**Attleborough:** 10-year charter this year

Given 27 knitted blankets to care home. Knitted Chicks, hats, and rabbits to put cream eggs in. Christmas hamper raffles. Continuing the collecting old spectacle for recycling.

Donated to Attleborough/Thetford/Watton food banks.

Donated to 'Giving in Kindness' Attleborough.

**Wymondham:** Held a Santa Grotto and Wynter fest.

2 days collecting at Waitrose which pays for presents for residents of 4 care homes and grotto presents. Donation to local food bank

**Hethersett:** Main income revenue from car parking at Norwich football club

Collecting old spectacles ongoing, for recycling.

Over £4000 donated since September and monthly donations to local food bank.

**Long Stratton:** Old Spectacles collection ongoing

Regular donations to food bank

Our biggest source of income is car parking at Norwich City football club.

## **Region 4**

## **Lion Chris Eglinton**

For most Clubs at Christmas, it is a very busy time whether it's assisting Santa in his grotto or on his sleigh. Whatever the situation it is always a busy time for Clubs. In addition, the public are so generous with their giving by way of donations at Christmas time.

Even with all this activity going on, I still managed to visit Beccles, Lowestoft, Southwold (Sole Bay) and Halesworth Lions Clubs in the last few months.

Each Club made me feel very welcome and it was good to catch up with members and the activities they have planned, along with all the welfare support they gave to their local community. From mobility scooters, wheelchairs, a special Riser Recliner Chair to donating to the local Food Bank and assisting staff from the Food Banks too.

It's really good to see how all members pull together when needed. To me it fulfils what Lions do best by demonstrating that their Club is the '*Heart of the Community*'

- At present Region 4 still only has a Chair for Zone 4a and 4b. Therefore, I continue to support those Clubs within Zone 4c. Equally I will also try and fill the vacancy.
- There is still the ongoing issue with Banks for some Clubs within Zone 4c, so I'll continue to see what support and help I can provide to those Clubs.
- aim to complete some more Club visits by the end of the year.
- Along with attending Clubs events too.

I aim to maintain a strong and pro-active Region 4 within District 105ce.

## **Region 4 Zone 4A**

## **Lion David Cole**

We held our first zone meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024, in attendance were Presidents and Secretaries from Felixstowe, Woodbridge and Stowmarket clubs, Zone 4a chairman Dave Cole and our re-elected zone 4a treasurer Jonathan Pearce.

This was a great night sharing what all clubs are doing.

Spectacle recycling is being promoted in our area again, with new opticians coming on board already.

Sadly, the last meeting in our zone 4a area was back in year 2019.

We all agreed this is a breath of fresh air and the return was very welcomed by all present.

Our next plan is to arrange a social evening for all to attend.

Also, a quiz night, the shield is being held by Woodbridge Lions who one it several years ago.

**Felixstowe** - Membership stands at 33, one more new member to be inducted at our March meeting.

Our most recent community / fundraising activity was "Christmas 2023", several projects going on in a short space of time:

Felixstowe Town Centre Christmas light switch on, taking Santa on his sleigh around residential streets for 6 nights, Christmas at Landguard Fort doing our famous Lions barbeque and lastly helping with refreshments at Orwell Connections Christmas concert.

Profit made £4127.00 for our charity account.

Next activity, our famous pig race with the expert help of our colleagues at Stowmarket Lions Club on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Followed by an Easter egg hunt in Spa Gardens, Easter egg raffle that we put at 10 pubs around Felixstowe and Trimley Villages.

**Stowmarket** - Membership stands at 39. 2 members have been awarded with Melvin Jones Fellowship Award during the last three months.

A recruitment drive has taken place recently but with little success.

Recently the club have launched "Friends of Stowmarket Lions" as a method of keeping in touch with our supporters.

Interested parties simply register with the club and they are updated of events etc. throughout the year.

Collections have taken place recently on behalf of British Legion Poppy Appeal, Marie Curie and help marshalling at the hospice fun run.

Several members helped with food preparation on Christmas Eve, ready for a Christmas lunch for about 100 lonely locals.

A recent pig race was a great success as usual and raised £1400.

The annual Santa on his sleigh raised over £11000, once gift aid is added in.

Next activity: Boxing Evening 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

**Woodbridge** - Membership stands at 17.

An ongoing project is called Quay time, members arrange to pick up local people from the area in their own cars and meet up at a church for tea, coffee, cake and more importantly just talk.

This is a great way of helping people who either live alone or just want a chat away from home and having the company of others.

Next activity: Woodbridge Horse Show 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**Bury St Edmunds** - As far as I am aware there is only one member, I am waiting for an update from Region Chair Chris Eglington on the status of this club.

#### **Region 4 Zone 4B**

#### **Lion Angela Howard**

I am pleased to say although it took longer than I first thought I have now fully recovered from the Shingles and able to be a lot more proactive again.

During the festive season I attended my own club's Christmas Meal, our online meetings and managed to fit in some service hours some of which were helping at my local Vaccine Centre in Saffron Walden where the public were able to book in for their Covid and Flu injections. This is a very busy, well-run hub which was open for 2 months, throughout November and December on Saturdays from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. with 250 people an hour being vaccinated.

I attended Saffron Walden Lions Christmas Meal event, which was a very enjoyable evening, the members of the club get on well, creating a very happy and friendly atmosphere.

I am looking forward to visiting the clubs and setting up a Zone Meeting following the last Cabinet Meeting.

I intend to encourage, help and support the clubs in all their endeavours for the remainder of the year.

#### **Region 4 Zone 4C**

#### **Lion Chris Eglington**

At last, as Region 4 Chair on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 I Chaired the long-awaited Zone meeting for Zone 4c. The last time the Clubs had got together for a physical Zone meeting was 2019.

The 5 Clubs within Zone 4c came together to have that long over-do Zone meeting and it went so well that another meeting has already been penciled in for 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

All the Club Presidents and Secretaries attended along with other Club members from Beccles, Halesworth and Southwold (Sole Bay) Lions Club, which was really encouraging.

Obviously, with there being such a long gap since the last Zone meeting there was a lot to discuss, and some very good points were raised too. Such as: -

- Membership and how to increase it.
- Spectacles Collection – running out of storage space.
- Really pleased that the communication channels are now back open.

- Another Zone meeting already penciled in for Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 venue to be confirmed.
- Continue with Zone meetings now the Channel has been reopened.  
To build a strong and pro-active Zone 4c again within District 105ce.

**Region 5**

**Lion Michael Dempsey**

No report

**Region 5 Zone 5A**

**Lion Elisabeth Eastburn**

All six clubs have undertaken fund raising activities at the end of 2023, although the heavy rain did lead to cancellation of at least one Firework event. Although two of the clubs are losing some established members, the remaining clubs are recruiting new members and looking forward to including them in planning future club events. Club visits are planned for the next two months.

Decision to be made as to whether our presence at the Lincolnshire show will continue.

**Region 5 Zone 5B**

**Lion Philip Beasty**

CLUB NAME	MEMBERSHIP				ACCOUNTS PAID		VISIT DATE		Zone Meeting Attendance				LCIF Contributions 2023/2024
	Open	Current	Target	Last MMR	LCI 1	LCI 2	1	2	09/8	08/11	21/2	08/5	
Isle of Axholme 19878	22	21		23/07/23	Yes		TBC	TBC	Confirmed	confirmed	confirmed	TBC	\$ 1826
Lincoln 19882	15	14		01/07/23	Yes		TBC	TBC	Confirmed	confirmed	confirmed	TBC	\$2166
Scunthorpe 19893	13	13	20	12/07/23	Yes		TBC	TBC	Confirmed	Confirmed	confirmed	TBC	\$
Hykeham 49557	17	15		24/07/23	Yes		TBC	TBC	Confirmed	confirmed	confirmed	TBC	\$1266
Glanford & Lindsey 51540	28	29		07/07/23	Yes		TBC	TBC	Confirmed	Confirmed	confirmed	TBC	\$ 1418
Winterton & District 62555	33	34		13/07/23	Yes		TBC	TBC	Report	Report	confirmed	TBC	\$254
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>126</b>											

**Isle of Axholme** No report submitted.

I can see they have also lost a member; We had the IPZC Lion Lana Woods reach out to Scunthorpe after having no response from the Isle of Axholme. I have been unable to meet them so far but will soon.

**Lincoln.** Has had a busy Christmas period with their sleigh being successful again for another year, with the membership numbers it's an impressive effort. They sadly lost a branch club member Lion Ann Dunkin in November our thoughts are with the branch club.

Lincoln continues to have social events and are making their regular donations to causes they support continuously with a couple of events planned for the rest of this lionistic year. They are trying with the current membership they have though I know how hard work it is, hopefully they will be able to recruit new members soon to support them in their efforts. I am mindful what wasn't shared in the report, the club is currently without a president. With this role being shared among the members.

I am aware Alan Hall District Membership officer is due to attend a meeting in April to help discuss away forward,

I am unable to attend any meetings due to them being on a Tuesday which is my full day in London. Hopefully the Region Chair will also be able to support. I have spoken with the Treasurer to discuss how best I can support them. (watch this space)

Their charter is the 12<sup>th</sup> of May at the Bently Hotel. Hang in there Lincoln!

**Hykeham** No report submitted. Unable to report but will be reaching out to them.

**Glanford & Lindsey.** As expected, it is a club that has achieved the club excellence award, and the report demonstrates why! Very through!

They are supporting the community in a wide variety of service projects in keeping with Hunger, Vision, Cancer, Diabetes.

They have added another new member which is great. They are really engaging in a wide variety of social and charity activities and are spread far and wide, which is inspiring.

Their charter is the 20<sup>th</sup> of April at Hemswell Court.

**Winterton & District.** Winterton is an exceptionally active club, and undertake plenty of events, though this report they have shared just how much alcohol is consumed at these events clearly it keeps them very warm! It is really lovely to see them all wanting to spend time with each other socially This I know will make the grief and loss all the more difficult with the passing of their member Lion Ranie Ogley, Lion Keith Ogley will be walking the coast to coast in her memory. Our thoughts are with Keith and the club currently.

As well as the social activities they have supported the community locally and Lions internationally with lots of fund-raising activities with more planned for the rest of the year.

Their charter is on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May at Rangers Football Club Scunthorpe

They are on the up! having dropped a member, but gained two members since July 2023, and have my eyes set on a few more! The club the best Christmas period for many years easily surpassing Christmas 2023, they managed to undertake bucket collections at local supermarkets, whilst doing Santa and the Panto all at the same time with just an active membership of 9 (at the time) as a result they didn't manage the carol concert but 2024 it will be back. The current membership is increasing in confidence as a result we have a new Health and Welfare Chair that isn't a Beisty for first time 10years!

In our 60<sup>th</sup> year we are setting ourselves up for another 60years. We will be celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> Charter and changeover combined on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June at Scunthorpe Untied another club that's had hard times but doing well under the circumstances!

Finally, we have achieved one of my main aims of getting part of our Admin account sponsored by a local business! This money will be used to support new members in the hope it will increase our membership further.

#### **Overall comments**

I thought I would add a note I'm not smashing the Zone chairman role, barley holding it together in fact!

Thought when I accepted the position, I knew it would be a stretch as I am President of club that needs all the support it can get and becoming a parent in 10 weeks doesn't help!

That said I will aim to be better in the next 6 months!

The next Zone meeting is set for Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30.

### **Region 5 Zone 5C**

### **Lion Manjit Gahir**

All six clubs have undertaken fund raising activities at the end of 2023, although the heavy rain did lead to cancellation of at least one Firework event. Although two of the clubs are losing some established members, the remaining clubs are recruiting new members and looking forward to including them in planning future club events.

Club visits are planned for the next two months.

Decision to be made as to whether our presence at the Lincolnshire show will continue.

I have not been able to engage much with the clubs due to spending 5 weeks in New Zealand in November/December 2023 but have held a Zone meeting by Zoom on 01.02.24. Unfortunately, the meeting was not well attended but I will endeavour to visit more clubs when I return from the Lions Global Service Week in Kolkata at the end of February. The most frequently mentioned concern for all clubs is membership, although the Zone appears to have had a good few months with at least 6 new members joining.

**Edwinstowe & The Dukeries** – membership is at 14 with 4 further interested in joining or volunteering, although the club president and his wife have resigned. The sleigh run was brilliant in pretty awful weather, and we managed to cover all our area even though the villages are expanding at a rate of knots. We managed to cheer up the children, young and old and collected just under £8000.00. At our January meeting we have decided to diarise more events for this coming year, particularly the ones we weren't able to do, especial a bigger and better fashion show along with inter club games nights, race evenings quizzes etc.

**Loughborough** - Membership is 19 and had a member resign in good standing. We have had an extremely busy Christmas period with collections taking place at five different locations where we raised over £4,000. Donations made to Local Food Bank - £230, Air Ambulance - £3,000, Goodwill Children's Home, India - £100, Aingarth Homes - £50, Brain Tumour Trust - £100. We continue to maintain and plant two areas in the Hospital Garden, run the local Blind Club and distribute the talking magazine for the Blind. We also decorate a Christmas Tree to be placed in one of the local churches.

**Nottingham West/Pride Branch** – Current membership is 34 members having recently inducted 2 new members. Continue with regular activities such as Guru Nanak's Mission and collecting spectacles to take to MDHQ in Birmingham. Had a very successful Xmas shoeboxes distribution and Xmas present wrap in Victoria Centre, raising £3074.69. Held an event at Laguna Restaurant on 25.02.25 to celebrate the life of Lion Jit Osaan.

**Notts/Derby Hemlockstone** – Current membership is 10. Fundraising activities include Christmas hamper raffles, Metro Coffee Bar Beeston and The Victoria Hotel Dove Cote Lane. Donated £400 to Neonatal Unit QMC and service activities include 3000 glasses



donated in December. 1000 in hand and collection from donation boxes in January to be added, MIAB distribution.

**Retford** - Current membership is 27. Held a very successful race night on 09.09.23. Have donated £3K to Bassetlaw Hospice and McMillan Nurses – profit from Golf Day, several smaller donations to disadvantaged people, £500 to local food bank, £500 to LCIF Disaster Fund and £500 to sponsor a family holiday for a child with cancer.

Currently involved in 2 local dementia education events, provided marshals for Hospice Pyjama Walk, provided manpower to help with a community tea and daffodil planting in the area – an ongoing project for more than 20 years. Other events include two days of collecting for the Poppy Appeal and planning for Christmas activities proved very successful.

**Southwell & District** - Current Membership 32 with one member likely to resign. MIAB have been taken up by various organisations. Club reputation within our area seems to remain positive judging by the comments we received on the sleigh and at other events. Fundraising activities included October Street collection for Macmillan Cancer Support, November Quiz night & December Carols for Everyone concert and Santa sleigh. Donations include: DAaRT for local school, bowls club, LCIF Morocco, Health Group, Kids Cancer charity, local school, top of funds for Macmillan, REACH (Total £2912), REACH pledge of £1000 honored, and various pledges were made in 2023 which will be paid in 2024.

## **Region 6**

## **Lion Lynne Roberts**

In the coming months, I hope to catch up with the club visits. I have sent in a report of the clubs I have visited and discussed issues with the DG Team.

I have mentioned to some of the club the possibility of the Region donating or raising money towards the Vision Camera project, as there has been positive developments in the MD project. Lion Derek Blow introduced the idea within the Region when he was Region Chair.

I would like to fore warn the DG Team that I would like to step down as Region chair at the end of the Lion Year. I would like to concentrate on Lions Brain Tumour Research Appeal, and I am due to have surgery later in the year and will be out of action for a few months.

## **Region 6 Zone 6A**

## **Lion Steve Chalder**

No report

## **Region 6 Zone 6B**

## **Lion Michele Elvin**

**Spalding** - 12 Members.

Community Service Activities include Christmas presents given to families identified by local schools in our area as being worthy due to financial Hardship. Helped a family who suffered a fire at their home in Surfleet. Assisted a family with 2 severely disabled children with a wheelchair attachment. Donations to several local community groups who assisted us with our village sleigh runs.

Fundraising included Christmas market fayre, Santa's sleigh runs through the villages and supermarket static collections, Burns night Supper / dance.

Planned events include Race night supper and Easter Egg Raffles.

**Sleaford** - Membership stands at 19 and they will induct a new member at a future meeting.

Community Service Activities - Several members took part in Litter Picking in Sleaford. Approximately 1000 pairs of spectacles collected by way of our local collecting boxes. £200 donation made to SightSavers. Well over a dozen Shoe Boxes filled in respect of the Rotary Shoe Box Appeal £200 donated to Lincs Air Ambulance Appeal on their

Double Up request. £200 donated to The Sleaford Community Food Larder. We are still collecting Blister Packs in a small way from a local block of apartments. Our entry to the Methodist Chapel Xmas Tree Festival was well received.

Fundraising Activities - Plainly Santa and the Sleigh was our main fundraising activity during the Christmas period. We had very successful weekend collections at Aldi, Sainsburys and Tesco as well as four weekends at the Anwick Garden Centre Grotto. The income so far is approximately £2000 with the result from the Garden Centre still awaited. Plans are now well in place for the upcoming Easter Egg Basket Raffles which will take place in various premises in and around Sleaford. We are also in the initial stages of possibly helping to organise a large fund-raising Walking Football event in Sleaford next summer.

Still have CIO status. Certificates of Appreciation have been presented in three areas for assistance in our bid to raise monies etc.

Socials were held to celebrate Christmas with a dinner on 19th December 2023 and an Afternoon Tea at our meeting place on 23rd January 2024.

Our 50th Charter Anniversary will take place on Sunday 12th May 2024, at the Solo Club, Market Place, Sleaford. Further details to follow.

**Bourne** - currently has 13 members. Recently 1 resignation not wanting to renew in January, and 2 non-attendance/non-payment of dues for first part of financial year.

Community Service Activities - We assisted certain individuals and groups in our community.

Fundraising Activities - Our Santa's Sleigh season went well with donations slightly down on recent previous years, this for obvious reasons and not unexpected.

CIO Status - We are now actively pursuing this classification of club status.

Up Coming Events - 50's/60's Night – Sat 24 Feb 2024: To be held at Corn Exchange, Bourne with proceeds from the event going to Dementia-UK.

(Tickets available from Harrison & Dunn and Lion Gail Josh – 07944 655639).

Issues or Concerns - Issue with the reporting of events on MyLCI web access – no allowance to designate a cause that funds from an event will go to if it does not fit with the designated causes as laid down by LCIF. Why is this so?

**Vale of Belvoir** - 19 regular members and 2 affiliated. Hoping to have few join us this next half year, which we all know is the only way our clubs moves forward.

The second half is so far looking fairly quiet.

Music Quiz 27<sup>th</sup> April. Our first Tea and Chat is on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January with two more planned for May and September.

We Are planned to Help Dove cottage with their open day on the 7<sup>th</sup> July.

We have been busy spending the money we have collected over the last 3 events.

Dove cottage gift aid 2023 £650 & 2024 £500, Rainbows Gift Aid 2023 £650 & 2024 £5000, East Bridgford Scouts £1,000, Bottesford Scouts £1,000, Foodbank £2,000, Sight Savers and Wateraid £500, Air Ambulance £4,000 and Clem for Bike Shed £1,200.

Our club continues to help our local charities.

Our club are happy to host a zone meeting if you would like to visit us.

Our charter is 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**Stamford** - 5 Members

Community Service Activities - President attended the Remembrance Parade and laid a wreath to remember the fallen. A very successful Santa's Grotto took place on 26th November, our most successful yet with 244 children seen by Santa raising £921 including donations received. Talking Newspaper support continues weekly. MIAW is available at locations in town, our new MIAWs are now printed and being distributed in the Town. Eye glass collecting and recycling continues in Stamford and Oakham. 4 Christmas trees were decorated at a local Care Home, an annual event which is enjoyed by all. The annual Christmas Tree Festival was held from 24th November to

10<sup>th</sup> December and saw more entries than ever this year (42 trees) and a beautiful display.

We donated 2 prizes to a local school for their prize giving in November.

Finance – All members are current, and the Accounts have been audited and the report sent to District Treasurer Paula. Our Treasurer is doing the paperwork to enable us to benefit from Gift Aid. The club has had CIO Status since 6.1.22.

Membership is reported monthly, as are our Service hours.

Publicity is mainly social media.

No MJF considerations for the time being. Of our 5 members, 2 have MJF and 1 is PMJF, the other two are relatively new members.

Donations include £300 Empingham Royals FC, £50 Royal British Legion for a wreath, £100 LCIF for Hurricane Otis, £500 Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

Unfortunately, we will not have a presence at this year's Convention.

Monthly Zoom meetings continue to be the norm.

### **Administration Team**

Team Leader	Lion David Merchant
Constitutions, Nominations & Resolutions	Lion David Merchant
Almoner	PDG Lion Barry Miller
C.I.O. Mentor	Lion Lesley Clarke
Competitions	Lion Jamie Speed
Data Compliance Officer	Lion Robyn Bank
D.B.S/Vulnerable Persons	Lion Di Parkin
Emergency Response Officer	Lion Keith Ford
Health & Safety	Lion Andrew Wilcox
Insurance Officer	Lion Keith Ford

### **Team Leader**

### **Lion David Merchant**

The Admin Team continue to remain in regular contact with each other providing support coupled with a willingness to represent different elements of the Team, if invited to Clubs or Zones.

In addition to myself as the Constitution Nominations Resolutions Officer [CNRO] the Admin Team consists of Officers responsible for CIO Lead, Competitions, Insurance, Emergency Response Liaison, Health and Safety, Data Protection, Almoner [which includes individual Lion's welfare], and Vulnerable Persons. This is a Team responsible for providing support and assistance to Lions and Clubs when administration type problems arise. Our aim is to give straightforward information in response to requests for assistance; our contact details are in the District Directory. We are more than happy to visit Clubs and/or Zones to outline our roles and provide answers or suggestions as to how to overcome any issues Lions or Clubs may face. We have welcomed Lions Jamie Speed to the team this lionistic year as the District Competitions Officer.

I have worked on a number of issues with individual Officers, including with Lion Keith Ford in ensuring the new insurance policy, along with its associated 'traffic light' system to categorize events undertaken by Lion Clubs, is well publicised.

### **C.N.R.O.**

### **Lion David Merchant**

I have completed all of the necessary procedures on the allotted dates as per the Convention Timetable distributed to Clubs early in the current lionistic year. Following the issue of the Calling Notice in August 2023 I received one Nomination for each of the 3 roles within the District Governor Team and just 1 Resolution for debate at the 2024 District Convention, proposed and seconded by the District Cabinet. By the closing date I had received no proposed amendments to this Resolution. The full details of the Nominations and Resolutions were distributed to Clubs in November 2023. I can

confirm the Nominating Committee, selected by the District Governor, has checked the applications for the incoming District Governor Team and they have confirmed each candidate meets all of the required criteria.

I received one offer to host the 2025 District Convention which will be held at The Holiday Inn, Peterborough. To date I have received no offer to host the District Convention of 2026, the deadline for Club(s) willing to take on this responsibility is 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

I amended the District Constitution By-Laws in March 2023 to reflect the changes brought about by the 2 Resolutions passed at the 2023 District Convention. This copy is now on the District website.

I notified the District Cabinet and all Clubs of the decision by the International Board to amend the way Delegate numbers are calculated. This followed the amendment to membership status, in particular for those Lions who pay discounted dues, which became applicable on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024. This information was resent by the District Secretary when he sought Delegate names in a letter sent to all Clubs in December 2023.

I arranged for a revised District Constitution to be added to the District website. This followed from me receiving a revised Standard District Constitution from Lions Clubs International after a meeting of the International Board. This Constitution shows a change in the expectations of the roles of the District Governor Team, Global Officers and Region and Zone Chairs. I sent the revised Constitution to the members of the DGT and flagged it up to the District Cabinet.

I continue to provide advice to the District Cabinet and its Officers and I ensure that all procedural matters are correctly followed.

I remain available to offer Cabinet Officers, Clubs and individual Lions advice and support on any constitutional, protocol or procedural matters; please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries of this nature.

The **District Governor Team Nominations** are as follows:

One nomination has been received for the office of District Governor 2024/2025 in the name of Lion Colin Talbot

Proposed by Clacton on Sea Lions Club - Seconded by Billericay Lions Club.

One nomination has been received for the office of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor 2024/2025 in the name of Lion Chris Speed

Proposed by Great Yarmouth Lions Club - Seconded by New Century Lions Club.

One nomination has been received for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor 2024/2025 in the name of Lion Ian Constable

Proposed by the Lions Club of Littleport - Seconded by March Lions Club.

All Lions nominated are suitably qualified, experienced and have signified a willingness to accept nomination.

This is the single Resolution for debate at District Convention 2024:

### **Resolution No.1 Proposed and Seconded on behalf of District Cabinet**

#### **District Subscriptions**

This Convention resolves that the District Dues for the Lions fiscal year 2024/2025 will be set at £11.00 per member payable in two equal instalments, the first due by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 based on membership recorded on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024, and the second in February 2025 based on the membership recorded on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

#### **Explanatory Note**

The District Treasurer, the District Governor Team and Cabinet Officers have looked very carefully at the budget for the District Lions year 2024/2025 and unfortunately it has been necessary to increase the annual dues. This increase reflects the necessity to increase some costs to the District. The budget is planned to ensure a breakeven situation results from our best endeavours.

The District Governor and Cabinet Officers will continually look to support Clubs and members in the most appropriate and effective way to provide the necessary management of District 105CE.

**This Resolution requires a simple majority.**

**Almoner and Welfare**

**Lion Barry Miller**

Since the last time we were together at our Convention in March 2023 we have lost the following members of our Lions family.

Lion Bryan Grant	Felixstowe Lions Club
Lion Paul Bousfield	Woodhall Spa Lions Club
Lion John William	Edwinstowe & Dukeries Lions Club
Lion Colin Mowles MJF	Swaffham & District Lions Club
Lion Robert Fox	North Notts Lions Club
Lion David Richardson	Norfolk Broads Lions Club
Lion Dave Parker	Billericay Lions Club
Lion Neil Sturge	Hykeham Lions Club
Lion John Hills	Loughborough Lions Club
Lion Irene Wellman	Romford Lions Club
Lion Stanley Thompson	Sleaford and District Lions Club
Lion Jit Osaan	Nottingham West Lions Pride Club Branch
Lion Allen James	East Anglia Centennial 100 Champions Lions Club
Lion Peter Jackson	Caistor and District Lions Club
Lion Colin Lambert	Attleborough Lions Club
Lion Carlo Chipperfield	Lowestoft Lions Club
Lion Michelle Lambert	Attleborough Lions Club
Lion Harry Fricker	City of Southend on Sea lions Club
Lion Pankaj Kumar Patel	City of Southend on Sea lions Club
Lion Anne Dunkin	Lincoln Lions Club
Jacob Garonzhki	Lincoln Lions Club
Lion Raine Ogley	Winterton and District Lions Club
Lion Susan Crew	Louth Lions Club
Lion John Wood	Woodbridge and District Lions Club
Lion Roy King	Humberstone North Sea Lions Club
Lion Isobel Howe	Dereham Lions Club
Lion Aileen Blow	Louth Lions Club

I always have available a coffin drape for use in the South of the District. PDG Lion Jim Cawte and PDG Lion Derek Blow also have them available for use in the middle and the North of the District.

**C.I.O. Mentor**

**Lion Lesley Clarke**

I have been checking all applications submitted by district mentors for clubs to become a CIO prior to submission to Charity Commission in the Multiple District.

I am also submitting applications to the Charity Commission from various clubs to become a CIO to assist the other mentors.

In District 105CE there are 46 clubs left to become a CIO and then district totally complete, 10 waiting on step 8, 11 with mentors and Nil waiting on 105 order.

## **Competitions**

## **Lion Jamie Speed**

The current running competitions have now drawn to their close, I've had very little interest in photographic and Travelling Lion. I have pushed them on the district social media page and via the bulletin.

With regards to the Bake Off, this has now been publicised and seems to have created some interest, I've had several enquiries for entry. I am hopeful that it will create some fun and funds at convention.

I have been in contact with Galton Blackiston (TV chef and local Norfolkian) and he is very happy to join us to judge the bakes. I am hopeful that the addition of a "celebrity" chef will bring more interest to this competition and will add something to the proceedings.

The judging will take place over the lunch break with Galton announcing the winner as the afternoon session commences.

Bakes will then be sold off for a donation – all monies raised will be donated to LCIF. I have purchased a glass cake stand for the winner, which (like the shields) can be passed on each year if the bake off was to run again.

## **Data Compliance Officer**

## **Lion Robyn Bank**

I continue to provide assistance to Clubs and the District as required. This has been with the ICO fee process and the reasoning behind my advice, but this year has mainly revolved around other aspects of compliance such as Privacy Notices. I am happy to assist all clubs in the District with this matter.

To date, I am aware of 62 clubs in the District registered with the ICO and I have completed 35 Privacy Notices with a couple still in the process.

Convention should note that I provide these services through my business free of charge to Lions – this means that I have effectively donated my fees to the district. I would normally charge a discounted fee of £150 to charitable organisations such as Lions, so I have in effect donated £5,250 to the District this Lions Year. I am happy to continue with this as I am approached by Clubs.

I must stress that my recommendations are only ADVICE based upon 23 years of experience professionally in this field – a Club gains nothing by trying to argue the points of compliance with me.

I am still happy to provide training sessions for the District if the interest is there.

## **D.B.S/Vulnerable Persons**

## **Lion Di Parkin**

New Lions are now encouraged to be DBS checked upon joining and some Members are realising that they did not 'sign up' to the Update Service. 6 Counter Signatories are available to help when needed and continue to liaise with Clubs.

The DBS form is simple.

The Update System is simple.

The DBS Enhanced Clearance stays in place for the duration of the Lion's Membership. Lions now applying for DBS clearance 'sign up' you will then get an e-mail each year to say that your details have been updated and you do not have to do anything more. Once your application has been passed to the DBS you should expect an e-mail from them within a few weeks stating that you are signed into the update system.

**Future Plans:** To be aware of changes.

## **Emergency Response Officer**

**Lion Keith Ford**

Members took part in a multi-agency exercise a few months ago to test the rest Centre capability in the event of a flooding event in the Sutton-on-Sea and Skegness areas in Lincolnshire, which included a test of new electronic recording of information relating to possible evacuees.

Following the recent heavy rains and inclement weather, information relating to the MD Foundation UK Flood Grants has been re-circulated to all clubs in the district. In addition, clubs have also been made aware of the District Charity Fund which exists to support clubs and zones in district CE in terms of disaster relief and humanitarian causes; all clubs have been encouraged to make a donation to this fund with a suggested minimum of £50.

## **Health & Safety**

**Lion Andrew Wilcox**

Post Covid pandemic many Clubs have now resumed their previous wide range of activities. A few Clubs have shared copies of their Risk Assessments with me or requested assistance.

Nationally it was identified when we were looking for new insurers that Health & Safety performance would be a major area of scrutiny and would greatly affect our risk profile and the likely cost of obtaining suitable levels of insurance.

One outcome of this was identified, that we need more competent Health and Safety officers within the Districts. A national budget was agreed, and training arranged for 2 delegates per District, to attend for IOSH "Managing Safely" training. This was a 3-day residential event held on the 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> February. This should lead to Lions having their skills enhanced and enable them to obtain a nationally recognised safety qualification. They would then be able to cascade this knowledge down to Club level. It will also provide further evidence to our insurers that we can demonstrate competence.

Accident & Incidents - I have only been informed of one firework related incident, where no serious injuries occurred, and no enforcement action took place.

The milder weather conditions may have also helped us during the intensive pre-Christmas period. No Santa Sleigh/Christmas activity incidents were reported within the district.

I remain available to provide advice and guidance to Clubs and I am also willing to attend Zone meetings as a guest speaker upon request where practicable.

## **Insurance Officer**

**Lion Keith Ford**

Revised insurance arrangements were agreed in October last year and run through to 30 September 2024 with AJ Gallagher as brokers and Hiscox continuing as insurers. Information on the changes and procedures to be adopted are contained on the District insurance web page which also contains the links to the MD insurance information. If clubs have any queries in relation to an event, they should contact MDHQ for advice and assistance. In addition, I as the District Insurance Officer am available to assist if general insurance queries should arise and advice and assistance continues to be provided in appropriate cases.

## **Global Leadership & Membership Team:**

### **Global Membership Approach Team:**

Global Membership Approach Team Leader – Lion Alan Hall  
Global Leadership Team Co-ordinator – Lion Graham Venable  
Global Membership Team Co-ordinator – Lion Alan Hall  
Global Membership Team – New Voices: Lion Chris Speed  
Global Membership Team – Membership Satisfaction: Lion Colin Talbot  
Global Membership Team – Club Development (New Clubs and Branch):  
Lion Chris Hibbert

### **Global Membership Approach Team Leader                      Lion Alan Hall**

#### **PROGRESS SINCE LAST REPORT:**

This year we have continued with the Global Membership Approach which has four elements: -

- Rejuvenating Clubs with new members.
- Revitalising Clubs with new Service opportunities.
- Provide club operations and leadership development opportunities.
- Share Club's achievements with our communities.

This leads into the GMA team working towards:

- Member Development (Leadership support and opportunities).
- New Members (New Voices).
- Members Satisfaction (Retention).
- Club Development (New Clubs and Club Branches).

Thanks to the Global Membership Team members for the work they have done, in the compilation, analysis and reporting of the membership information.

#### **Global Membership Approach Overview**

The District membership dropped to 1493 at the end of the 2022/2023 year and presently stands at 1456 members as at mid-February 2024.

In 2022/23 we received 11 member enquiries from the National Website and this year (2023/2024) we have received 6 enquiries to date

The District Membership is some 37 members down on last year. There are several reasons for the drop in members, but the hard facts are that we are losing more members than we are gaining. Unfortunately, there is presently no District within the Multiple District with a positive Membership Growth.

Regarding the trend in membership growth, we are behind the curve compared to other Districts within the Multiple District. District 105CE presently has a membership growth of – 2.54% compared to the Multiple District of – 2.26%, Europe – 0.12% and LCI +2.13%.

The average number of members per club within the District is 17.76 members per Club compared to 17.25 within the MD, 25.09 within Europe and 27.99 within LCI.

Five Clubs closed during 2022/2023 and unfortunately, another three clubs have closed this Lionistic year (Huntingdon Grafham, North Notts, Wells on Sea) resulting in the loss of 18 members. This leaves 82 Clubs within the District, of these Clubs there are 12 Clubs at risk with single figure membership.

So, what are we doing about this!!

- We have introduced 3-year and 5-year service recognition Certificates for members.



- We have introduced a New Members Magazine which every new member receives with their New Members Pack. This magazine aims to introduce Lions International.
- We continue to hold the monthly Membership Matters Drop-In sessions where it gives members the opportunity to share and discuss ideas. The feedback received from the sessions has been positive and we intend to continue this as long as those attending see the benefits. Topics discussed range from Recruitment, Members Satisfaction, New Club Development, ways to strengthen Clubs, Members Development, and various other membership topics. Any member can attend these Drop-In sessions and information can be found on the district website and in the District Bulletins.

The European Lions Day is planned to take place in June when it is hoped every Lions Club in Europe will promote Lions in their community, so a date for your diaries.

We continue to produce monthly reports with information to aid Region and Zone Chairs. Further membership information can be found in the Monthly Membership Reports located on the District Website.

Unfortunately, members' dues are proposed to increase at all levels. The reality is that as membership numbers decrease, members' dues are likely to increase. To maintain the dues at a reasonable level we must increase our membership.

From the information gathered it demonstrates that **Service is the Key to Membership**, and if we show the world what Lions provide, members of the public will wish to be part of our success.

### **Global Leadership & Member Development Lion Graham Venable**

Over the course of the year several support sessions have been offered for club officers and Region/Zone chairs. There will be further sessions offered as we approach the end of the Lionistic year when those taking up post for the forthcoming year are elected. I should point out that these sessions are valuable for those who have been in a post before as things do change from time to time and discussion often leads to suggestions as to how systems can be adapted.

I would also like to draw the attention of members to the Learn section of MyLION which contains a very good selection of programmes on several topics that can also be useful in working life.

Two members from our District attended the New Voices Workshop in Dudley and provided positive feedback, receiving ideas and inspiration that would benefit them within their Clubs as well as making new Lion friends from other Districts.

The District was fortunate to have four applicants accepted for the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute course. All returned having had a thoroughly enjoyable time and having also found it very stimulating.

The long-expected new Portal is still in preparation, and I have not received a definite date for its introduction. Once details are available there will be some sessions for members to familiarise themselves with the application.

We are always happy to receive requests and provide sessions on any topic that you feel would be useful.

### **Global Membership Approach Lion Alan Hall**

In June 2023 we were challenged through Mission 1.5 to increase our membership by 7% each year through to 2027. If we can continue this rate of growth in membership to 2030 the district will have **2030 members by the year 2030**. What an achievement that would be.

Members	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
1493	1500	1496	1498	1497	1484	1454	1456	1456				
Gains	+22	+3	+9	+10	+6	+7	+15	+4				
Losses	-15	-7	-7	-11	-19	-37	-13	-4				
Growth	+7	-4	+2	-1	-13	-30	+2	0				
Ac.Growth	+7	+3	+5	+4	-9	-39	-37	-37				

Of the 113 members lost, unfortunately 18 were member who have passed to higher service, which equates to some 17% of the members lost (this is the same figure as at this point last year). These members will be greatly missed, and our condolences go to their families.

### **New Members, New Voices**

**Lion Chris Speed**

During 2022/2023 we gained 119 members whereas after 8 months (year to date) for 2023/2024 we have gained 76 members which equates to 9 members more than at the same point last year. Our District target for 2023/2024 is to gain 140 members.

The 76 members have been added by 40 Clubs and 19 Clubs have a net gain of at least one member.

The New Voices aim is to continue to recognise the group of individuals for their dynamic and innovative contribution in one of four field; Service, Membership, Leadership and Marketing and to allow these members to have a voice and be heard within the Clubs.

A New Voices Workshop took place at Dudley on the 18<sup>th</sup> February and the 2024/25 Workshop will be taking place on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 with two places allocated to each District within the Multiple District. The aim is to provide the new members with a Voice that Clubs listen to and take note; to make them feel valued.

Welcome correspondence continues to be sent to each new member when they join the association which supplements the Welcome Letter sent on behalf of the District Governor.

### **Member Satisfaction**

**Lion Colin Talbot**

To date 113 Members have been dropped this Lionistic year, we are dropping more members than we are recruiting so action is required now, so we must look at reversing this trend.

Members Wellbeing is important and has been encompassed into the District Almoners role which will recognise members achievement during the Lionistic year.

From the information gained from MyLCI, it has been established that member who 'Resign In Good Standing' do so after between three years to ten years' service. When they leave their Club they leave the association – why not see if they would transfer to another Club!

Thanks again to my team members for the work they have done, in both the compilation of the survey and the analysis. Not forgetting the distributor and the difficulties which he overcame.

The analysis of the survey, sent to all members, resulted in the same long-standing reason for leaving. Not feeling part of the club, not being listened to, no development, no new ideas, just doing the same things and training which included that required by club officers in relation to development. The results were published by the same means but all the negatives I made positives and set as goals for members to achieve.

Unfortunately, one responder, with just over 2 years membership, who had shown potential, tried to introduce new ideas into their club was basically ridiculed for this and resigned almost immediately after completing the survey. I had a long discussion with them but unfortunately the harm had been done. Despite having a teaching background and obviously having the potential to be an asset to our organisation I was unable to persuade them to change their mind.

When visiting clubs, we need to evaluate how they operate and be aware of the above-mentioned concerns. Intervention at an earlier stage could have prevented this resignation and with the correct development enable the club to move on thereby not only retaining their members but making it an attractive proposition to join.

Our subs are calculated on the number of members we have, and this is not only just for our district but includes multi district too.

We need to take positive action to maintain membership satisfaction to reverse our losses. Recently we have lost three clubs, Huntingdon and Grafham Water, North Notts and Wells next to the Sea. Of the fourteen members only two transferred. Most had in excess of 30 years' service but in each case, there were no signs of involvement.

Consistently membership resignations are greatest at the end of each six-monthly financial period. Our losses for both November and December reflect this, 16 and 33 respectively making a total loss of 49 members.

<b>November</b> total loss of 16	Service 0 – 3yrs 18.75%	3 – 10yrs 37.50%
<b>December</b> total loss of 33	Service 0 – 3yrs 21.21%	3 – 10yrs 12.12%

With the assistance of both Region and Zone Chairs to reduce this loss by passing on positive information during their visits. To provide preventative feedback so action can be taken to prevent loss. We have and will continue to work with both clubs and members to turn the dissatisfaction in to positive action. We have achieved this and will continue to do so.

Success needs to be celebrated and clubs should recognise this.

### **A Satisfied Lion remains a Lion.**

Remember – A satisfied Lion remains a Lion and is an asset not only to their club but also to the organisation.

### **Club Development (New Clubs & Club Branches)      Lion Chris Hibbert**

Sadly, since the last Convention we have lost Huntingdon Grafham, North Notts and Wells on Sea Lions Clubs. Some of these members have transferred to other Clubs but it still gives a net loss in membership.

The simplest way to form a new club is via a club branch.

These can be based in an underserved geographical area or be based around a different demographic or special interest. It takes just 5 people to form a club branch! Once formed these clubs could grow to be a club in their own right.

Club branch members are full members of the parent or supporting club and can attend and play a full part in the main clubs' meetings. The idea is to provide some autonomy to the club branch to decide when, where and how often they meet and what activities and fundraisers they want to do.

We have formed Peterborough Trinity Club Branch and Cambridge New Century Lions Club Branch and have other opportunities to form more.

I have attended the meetings of both Trinity and Cambridge Club Branches, both are doing well and have increased their membership since their formation.

## **Trinity**

Trinity continues to grow steadily and now has 9 members now and will be badging up their 10<sup>th</sup> member very soon. They are building strong relationships with the community, ran a Santa's grotto at The Servicemen's Club in Holbeach and have been offered a meeting room free of charge.

## **Cambridge**

Cambridge has 6 members; however, their President has stepped back for personal reasons, that said, we have managed to retain her as a Lion for the time being. The club have an experienced Lion from Malaysia who has agreed to become an associate (7), they have another experienced Lion requesting to transfer from a local club (8) and there is at least two other possible new members soon. They have taken over spectacle collections in Cambridge and are developing a Period Poverty project using the old spectacle cases as discrete containers for period products.

We are also looking into three other locations.

## **Newark**

Although good interest at the start, this seems to have lost momentum. Lion Verdun is seriously considering a F5K event in the town next year, which could be a great way to develop some interest. We may need to review which club will sponsor this.

## **Jaywick**

Due to the poor health of a family member, the interested parties in this location are putting the idea of a Lions Club on hold. Hopefully once this is resolved we may be able to pick this up again.

## **Haddenham (Cherry Tree pub)**

Unfortunately, the Cherry Tree pub has had to close, however, Rich and Susie are still in communication with the individuals. There was a possibility of some of these people becoming members of Helen Keller club.

Clubs are reminded that one way to increase membership is to develop a group of like-minded people to form a Club Branch. Several locations have been identified to potentially form a Club Branch and presently encouraging discussions are being held with a group of potential members in the Cambridge area. Other potential areas include Newark and Epping amongst others.

We have also been looking at local Community Needs within deprived areas of the District to see if Lions can help and form a Club to cover those areas.

Within the Membership Matters sessions Club Development is a topic widely discussed, with the emphasis being on 'Your Club. Your Way' It must be remembered that the Club should always be looking not only at the community needs but also the members' needs.

The Club Quality Initiative is a great way to evaluate your Club and develop it for the future.

Please contact me if you have any interest in learning more about forming a club branch or a full club for that matter.

Members' wellbeing remains paramount, and we encourage Clubs to maintain regular contact with their members. To assist we are continuing to issue a Kindness Calendar each month which can be used as a point of discussion and Clubs may wish to forward this onto their members and friends.

## **Objectives and Future Plans:**

- To recruit at least 160 new members.
- Limit the members we lose to no more than 130 members.

- Hence have a net District growth in membership of at least 30 members.
- Grow the Clubs within the District by one.
- To further develop the programme of training activities.

## **Global Services**

### **Team Leader**

**Lion Ian Constable**

**Service is what makes us Lions, in whatever form that Service takes!**

The “Global Service Team” is made up of specialist officers that are there to help clubs achieve their goals with a specific focus on our organisation’s Global Courses as well as other activities we have supported in this Multiple District.

As a team we have got challenges as there are vacancies for district officer positions, including hunger. If anybody is interested, please talk to me or our District Governor about them.

Some of our Global Causes are easier to support, Hunger, Vision, and the Environment and this is reflected in the service recorded on MyLION by only 51% of the clubs in the district. Down 10% from this time last year. However, when it comes to Diabetes and Pediatric Cancer, we are struggling to do anything. Please consider looking at and supporting these causes and contact our District Officers for more information.

I would encourage clubs to report their service activities, it is a simple and often quick thing to do. Some clubs have made use of the club admin officer, a role where they can enter service activities. This could be given to someone in the club who may have the capacity to do it. I am aware some clubs have been waiting for the new Lions Portal, hopefully we will hear soon when it will be rolled out. You can always use the hours logged in as a local publicity tool, by adding an hourly rate, you can put a monetary value to what you are giving to your communities. At national & international levels the information is used when talking to potential partners for collaboration projects. It demonstrates we as an organisation can offer something more valuable than money, our time!

Each one of the Specialist Officers will have their own report, so I encourage you to look and read those reports.

As the Global Service (GST) Team Coordinator, District Governor Paul and I were unable to judge the “Kindness Matters Service Award,” as we did not receive any applications. This is a fantastic way for your club to be recognised for the work they do, but just remember there is a requirement for the project to be logged on MyLION.

For more details see [Kindness Matters Service Award | Lions Clubs International](#)

Towards the end of the Lionistic Year I will be promoting this, ready for entries at the start of the new Lionistic year.

I have attended MD GST meetings at our National Headquarters. They are always inspiring meetings, highlighting the amount of service activities we undertake, locally, nationally, and internationally.

For my sins, on my birthday in early November, I wanted to spend the day at National Headquarters to help with the spectacle sorting process. I even managed to hurl friendly abuse at a Lion who I have not seen in years!

Thanks to Brigitte and her team I was made to feel welcome and was shown the initial sorting process. I now need to return to see what happens to the green taped boxes. Little sister also came and as it was her 1<sup>st</sup> visit to National Headquarters, she got the guided tour. For anyone that has not visited our national headquarters I would encourage them to drop in and say hello if the opportunity arises.

As a district we had even more Lions, than last year, from this district taking part in our organisation’s “Second Annual Global Service Week” in India.

**My Fellow Lions & Leos please continue to Serve Your Communities!**



**Every day 12 more children and young people hear the devastating news they have Cancer - no child should have to face cancer alone – we'll face it all together**

Having fully recovered from the Shingles which took longer than I first thought it would and come through the activities of the festive season. I have met on Zoom with Ella from YvC and she has introduced me to a new member of the team Cery's who is going to work with Ella and myself in progressing the projects we discussed and were in my last report of Lions working together in support of YvC. I am looking forward to having Cery's working with us, and I am sure her knowledge and experience will be a great asset to us and we will benefit from her support, which is good news. Unfortunately, sadly I have to report that one of the appeals has come to an end which we have been supporting for a long time now, this is the: - **STAMP APPEAL** - The Stamp Appeal has now come to a close following Royal Mail's switch to bar coded stamps in 2023. Please don't send us any stamps as we can no longer accept them. We would like to thank all of our amazing supporters for their stamp contributions over the years. You made a real difference for children and young people with cancer.

**Please continue collecting printing ink jet cartridges as this is still ongoing for the Charity.**

We must continue to work together with YL v Cancer supporting their projects and involving them in Lions projects where possible. Always striving to make a difference; to the Children and their families while going through such a traumatic time in their lives.

**DIABETES**

**Lion Gordon Walker**

At club level DiabetesUK presented a talk on the effects of diabetes and the rapidly increasing number of diabetics nationally. One surgery in Scunthorpe having over a thousand patients who have the condition. The sedentary lifestyle during and after the pandemic has played a significant part. I will be trying to expand this firstly across the zone before expanding into the district.

Adding Diabetes articles to the district bulletin.

Continued to work locally with DiabetesUK, but they too are suffering from a fall in numbers at meetings, so much so that meetings are being cancelled.

I have taken part in phone calls with Keith Hodges M.D. Diabetes Officer, also M.D. Zoom meetings of diabetes officers. Discussions on connections with DiabetesUK and action plans across the various districts.

I am hoping to expand connections with DiabetesUK in other areas of the district although making contacts is difficult presently. Still learning and need to understand what the role actually involves and how evolve my role.

Dates for your diary:

- 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024. World Diabetes Week.
- 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024. Hypo Awareness Week.

**ENVIRONMENT****Lion Ujjal Kumar**

Ujjal has only very recently taken up this role and is just coming to grips with subject.

**HUNGER****T.B.A.****DISABILITIES****Lion Derek Rutter**

Hearing aid recycling continues with nearly 11,000 hearing aids being recycled since July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.

If your club has Specsavers that undertake hearing tests you may well find that Specsavers are a source for hearing aids to be recycled. Similarly, if you are collecting button batteries Specsavers is a good source of these.

The clubs supporting Hearing Aid recycling that I am aware of include Chelmsford, Clacton, March, Peterborough, Littleport, Market Rasen, Trinity, Wymondham, Lincoln, Southend, Great Yarmouth and Glanford and Lindsey. If you send your Hearing Aids for recycling with Spectacles to Birmingham or Chichester, I am not informed of the clubs. I am still not being informed of activities being organised by clubs for people with disabilities in their area.

**Health Support Officer****Lion Matthew Bungard****MediAlert**

Annual membership is £36, plus your engraved Medical ID, and additional extras. Emblem with your medical condition, MediAlert number, and phone number. Membership form is now online.

**Message In A Bottle MIAB**

New supply on order quantity is now 100 in a box cost is £45.

Form with all your details on, kept in the fridge door, with a green cross sticker for the inside of the front door and the outside of the fridge door.

**Message In A Wallet MIAW**

50 pence gets you a wallet and form to fill out, with all your medical and personal details on.

To keep with you.

**Plugsters**

£10.50 for 50, wraps around plugs to help pull them out, if you have weak hands.

All the above will have carriage added.

**Mental Health Officer (Alzheimer) Officer****Lion Manjit Gahir**

No Report

**Mental Health Officer (Dementia) Officer****Lion Eric Constable**

**Dementia an umbrella term for a range of progressive conditions that affect the brain.**

This is a new District Officer role and my first time on cabinet.

Since taking on this role I am still taken aback by the number of families and friends effected by Dementia. I continue to offer support and advice which is self-taught and through my own experience. There is a lot of good professional information on the internet. Personally, I have found the Dementia UK website to be good for information explaining the different types of dementia and other resources. Alzheimer's society is another extremely helpful website that I have used.

Lion Manjit (Alzheimer's officer) and I continue to collaborate with each other and did attend a zoom meeting with Lions Michelle McArthur and Liz Axten from district 105N regarding dementia and mental health.

Along with members of my club Peterborough Lions we went carol singing at local care homes at Christmas. With a few musical instruments, bells on a stick, a tambourine. This was a wonderful way to interact with the residents and a reminder that music and singing not only makes people happy it is also a powerful way to bring back memories.

I have supplied Message in a bottle to some individuals and my own club supports this project having recently donated some to Alzheimer's Society in the town. This is a great Lions project which I know many other clubs support.

I would encourage you all to take a few moments out of your busy day to watch a short video and become a dementia friend. Details can be found on [www.dementiafriends.org.uk](http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk)

### **Five things to know about dementia.**

- Dementia is not a natural part of ageing.
- Dementia is caused by diseases of the brain.
- It is not just about losing your memory.
- It is possible to live well with dementia.
- There is more to the person than the dementia.

Be calm. Be kind. Be patient.

I will continue to research and find suitable material that can be passed on to other members and clubs.

### **Male Cancers**

### **Lion David Merchant**

This is a new role for the District and one which is an integral part of caring for the welfare of our members alongside raising awareness of male cancers in local communities.

The District now has Officers for female, male and children's cancers as well as one for Brain Tumour. It is essential Lions continue to raise awareness of the different types of cancer which exist, alongside promoting any events or publicity arranged by Clubs concerning cancer.

In particular, it is important to emphasise the need for men to be willing to discuss health issues and seek medical advice should any symptoms arise. We need to stop the notion of "brushing it under the carpet" and by so doing, hoping the problem will go away. It will not!!

I am willing to attend any Club or Zone to promote my messages and offer advice on setting up cancer raising awareness initiatives.

### **Female Cancers**

### **Lion Kelly-Marie Thompson**

Progress has been somewhat slower than anticipated, as I'm still in the process of organizing a sewing bee to produce syringe driver bags, breast drain bags, and heart cushions for individuals battling cancer. While I've personally crafted items that have been directly distributed to hospital cancer units, my aim is to extend this effort across a wider district.

In pursuit of this goal, I've reached out to 'Little Lifts', an organization dedicated to providing breast cancer care packages to those facing a diagnosis. While a monetary donation would be most beneficial for them, as they already have established supplier connections, they also facilitate group volunteering opportunities at their headquarters in



Norwich. This allows volunteers to assist in packing boxes that are later distributed to patients.

'Little Lifts' offers boxes free of charge to patients who apply for them, provided they are not already under the care of one of their partner NHS trusts. Currently, their reach extends to Essex, Suffolk, and Norfolk.

Working alone on this endeavour has presented its challenges, and I would greatly appreciate any support from individuals willing to join me in this effort.

## **Brain Tumor Research**

## **Lion Lynne Roberts**

On a District level it has been quiet since the last couple of months with the Christmas period, a house move, and a family bereavement. I had to cancel a Zoom meeting with one club. Back in November a Zone meeting asked me to do a Lions BTR presentation and Christmas cards. They kindly donated the raffle takings to the appeal.

Within our District CC Lion David Pope has negotiated with the President of his Golf Club, to have Lions Brain Tumour Research Appeal, his annual charity. The hope is to raise around £10,000. All the best to the golf club.

On a national level – work is being done on the website of the appeal. 250 Club continues. The trustees have released the second £25,000 as agreed in the MOU with Brain Tumour Research (two lots of £25,000 per year for purchase of research equipment).

Eight new Christmas cards have been selected for this year. It is hoped we will have delivery before MD Convention.

The annual Virtual Balloon Race has been launched. Around GB in 10 days. Starts the Sunday of MD convention. Plenty of opportunity to purchase your balloons and shared on your clubs FB page and website. This is not just for the Lions, although some clubs have been purchasing them for their club members. Some of our Districts clubs have done well!

The information is on the Lions BTR Appeal FB. It will be in the Bulletin and Newsletter regularly.

<https://www.balloonrace.net/Lions>

Happy for you to contact me for further information, either email or FB messenger

## **VISION**

## **Lion Elisabeth Eastburn**

Multiple District Vision meeting held on Zoom on 31<sup>st</sup> January. Our multiple district has now passed 3,000,000 pairs of glasses processed since the operation began in October 2021. Chichester will accept glasses by appointment only and Birmingham HQ in the first week of each month. Each club/Zone is responsible for getting their glasses to MDHQ. Certificates and posters are available on the MD website as well as a visual awareness PowerPoint targeting sight impaired Lions.

All clubs and Zones are encouraged to think of projects for world sight day in October.

The vision camera is currently being trialed in Essex and I will update the District when I have more information.

## **LIBRA**

## **VACANT**

The ICT & Comms team together with the DG team continue to support the district ICT and Comms efforts to provide the service to our District. We have had both the IT Lead and Webmaster resign from the team, these positions are vacant and applications for these posts will be most welcome.

The work previously done by the IT Lead and Webmaster has been picked up by me with support from the wider team. A particular thanks to Lion Alex Postoiuk of Felixstowe Lions, who has achieved a considerable improvement in the look and feel of the Website. Look at <https://www.lions105ce.org/> and judge for yourselves.

### **Website – Update**

The website has also been updated after meetings with John Potter (Conventions), Alan Hall (Membership), Derek Prior (International), Graham Venables (Leadership), Sue Hibbert (Youth) and others over the past few months.

Providing the best website, social media and newsletters requires a continuous improvement effort to achieve the best outcome, I thank the portfolio leads above for their dialogue and input. I look forward to working with other team leads to improve the website content.

To expedite this the resolution in this matter, we discussed the issue, particularly around website development, at our last monthly meeting. Since then, we have had a Website Team call with the DG Team too to plan our short to medium term actions.

Here is an update on what we previously agreed:

- Focus on 4 areas: Conventions, Learning Zone, International, and Youth (*some of these will require more work than others*). **All done, some more work to do on Youth.**
- To have had all above completed by end January 2024 (*they will be prioritised*). **This should be completed by the Cabinet Meeting in February.**
- To use the completed pages for these areas as a model for other portfolios / teams. **Done**
- To enable Lions and non-Lions to get to where they need to within 3 click once on the website. **On Track**
- To be much more pictorial and much less wordy. **On Track**
- As part of the development, to have 2 or 3 'face to face' (zoom) calls with the area leads, agree requirements and jointly design web pages. **This is working within two such meetings.**
- Once a focus area's website development is completed, to 'user' test it, prior to releasing and then publicise the release. **Testing is done during joint development with content owners.**
- We have also agreed to reduce the number of pages, we will remove pages that are out of date and have not had any updates sent through by the content owners. **In Progress.**

Please continue to watch this space, and in the meantime, if you have an update for your page/pages on the website, please send a request for change to [webmaster@lions105ce.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@lions105ce.org.uk)

### **IT Infrastructure Update**

A considerable amount of time has been expended on recovering IT Systems. A big lesson learned about backup and recovery with two factor authentication in place and added security from application suppliers when accessing from new devices means that we need to carefully consider our backup and recovery strategy. Ensuring that in recovery situations, applications can be easily recovered. This remains a focus area.

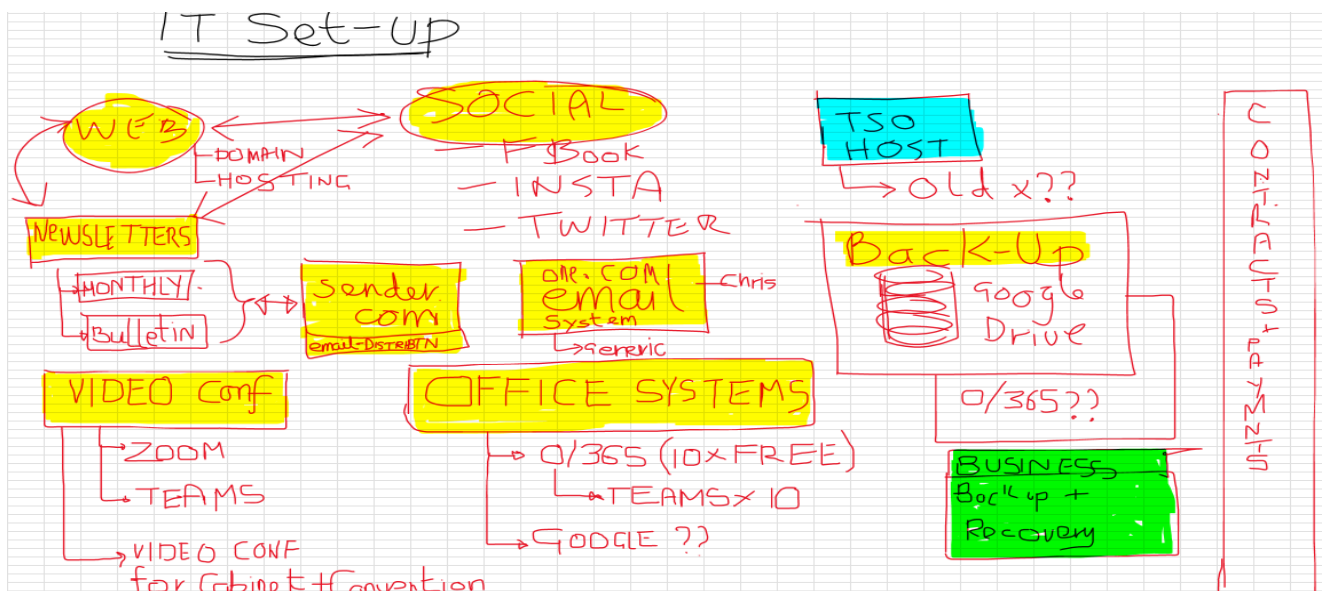
We had concerns raised about the password access to the Lions Only part of the website, we are looking at options that are not overly onerous and costly that will better protect the access, there is a balance to be had between making access easy and cost in time and money to have very secure systems in place. Till now we have not made any change to the current process.

### IT Set-Up

Our IT Set-Up needs to be reviewed and where possible improved and simplified, reducing costs where we can. In summary we have our Website, Social Media and Newsletters that are outward facing (Comms for Lions and non-Lions). We have our Email System (mass emails), Backup & Recovery Systems (Website / Other key Documents), Video Conferencing (Zoom / Team) and we have access to Office/365 and Google for email. There are also some legacy systems on TSO Host (Supported on a best endeavours basis only).

In terms of our Video Conferencing options, as we have access 10 free Teams licenses as part of infrastructure, this is the planned way forward. If we can provide all that is required (small and large meetings) through Teams, we will not need to renew our Zoom License.

The schematic below (it is not complete) shows what we must manage and work with. Having the right person in place to lead the IT Infrastructure development is key and we would welcome suggestions of persons that would like to help the team out and take up the role of IT Lead.



**The team structure** (with assistants for back-up) comprises:

- ICT & Comms Leader – Gurcharan Manku
- IT Leader – Vacant (Managed by G Manku)
- Webmaster – Vacant (Managed by G Manku, with support from Alex Postoiuk)
- Newsletter & Bulletin Editor – Verdun Webley
- Social Media – Chris Speed / Assistant – Gurcharan Manku

Thanks again to the wider team for your support.

**Decisions & Actions needed:**

1. We will have a final review of Zoom vs Teams and move the least cost option (Team with free charity licenses).
2. All team leads to review their pages (website pages that cover your specialist areas) and let the webmaster know of any changes that are required.
3. Help with filling Webmaster Vacancy
4. Help with filling IT Lead Vacancy

**Justification for above:**

1. The website is a valuable tool for Lions and a great place to get information for both Lions and non-Lions. BUT it is only as good as the information therein, if the information is out of date, incomplete then we are all missing an opportunity. By help with the above actions, we will improve the information and we will better help Lions and Non-Lions alike.

**Information Technology Team Leader** **Vacant**

**Webmaster** **Vacant**

**Bulletin and Monthly Newsletter Editor** **Lions Verdun Webley**

The editorial team continues to slowly develop to the point where all publications achieve the same standards. There are news skills being developed by new team members, and ideas for the Newsletter and Bulletin are constantly under discussion. Ideas are also being put forward by a few readers and members of the ICT/Comms team, which is pleasing.

There has been a change to publication dates, the Newsletter now being published on the last day of each month instead of the first day which makes it more relevant in some ways. As is often said *'what a difference a day makes!'* The bulletin publication days remain as the 10th and 20th of each month.

We are working hard to resolve problems encountered with the distribution system we use. Changes in rules for the sending of large email numbers, plus team member changes means that things are taking longer to resolve, but we are getting there. Hopefully the latest changes have not been too noticeable and will resolve some of the delivery problems.

If you have any ideas for items to include in the district publications, please let us know. As usual very few clubs send in articles for inclusion in the Newsletter or bulletin, although there has been a noticeable increase in forthcoming events being publicised.

**Marketing, Social Media and PR** **Lion Chris Speed**

We've experienced a significant uptake in engagement on our Facebook platforms, both on our public page and within the Lions group. The dynamism of our team is thriving, currently comprising three dedicated Lions, and we're actively seeking one more passionate individual to join our ranks.

To keep everyone in the loop about our recent activities and initiatives, we've published an informative article in the bulletin. This not only serves to showcase the impactful work we've been involved in but also serves as a call for assistance. We believe in the power of community, and inviting others to join us amplifies our collective impact.

In our quest for seamless collaboration and task management, we've recently established an account on Tik Tok. This platform enhances our organisational capabilities, ensuring that we stay on top of our responsibilities and continue making a positive difference in our community. The incorporation of Tik Tok into our workflow is a strategic move that aligns with our commitment to efficiency and excellence. We're excited about the possibilities it opens up for us as a team.

If you're passionate about making a difference and want to be part of a dynamic group of Lions dedicated to community service, we encourage you to connect us. Together, we can achieve even greater heights and make a lasting impact. Join us on this exciting journey!

We will continue growing on all platforms including getting our first video out on Tik Tok.

## **INTERNATIONAL TEAM**

### **TEAM LEADER**

### **LION DEREK PRIOR**

Alan continues to do great work on the Foundation. Donations by Clubs to LCIF were good last year, and so were personal donations. If your club did not donate last year, please think about donating this year.

Personal donations are also a good idea - Let's all try to support Alan in his efforts, at club level and as individuals. If you have any questions about how to donate personally, or anything else to do with LCIF, MJFs or the Bert Mason Humanitarian Award, please ask Alan or me.

Ujjal is making a difference in International Projects, with the WASH Project getting off the ground. His report makes interesting reading.

We are welcoming as our guests, for the first time, Lions from our Twin District of 133 Ireland (green blazer) and 103 France Nord (blue blazer). The French are especially welcome after the strikes prevented the French attending last year. Please do not be shy and come and speak to them, and all other visiting Lions. It's a great way to make new friends and learn about how they do things.

In addition to their attendance at our CE Convention, we hope to meet up with as many of our Twin Districts as possible. Everyone is welcome, not just the International Team, not just the DG Team, not just Cabinet Members, but **ALL** Lions and partners throughout District CE.

I will be one of several MD105 Lions attending the Irish Convention the week before ours, along with Phil and Heidi Nathan, Alistair and Gemma Joel, Stewart and Kash Sherman-Khan, Stu Young and Andy Pemberton. More CE Members attending would be welcome, but I realise it may be a bit late by the time you see this.

Theresa is hoping to arrange a trip later in the year to France 103 Nord from 19th to 23rd September to visit the Normandy D-Day beaches. Again, **ALL** Lions and partners throughout District CE will be welcome.

We will use each of these meetings to do hands-on joint service, or plan some. We will also meet with old friends and make new ones. These are great opportunities to get even more out of being a Lion!

These are the Twins Convention dates for your diaries.

**Irish District 133 Convention\*** - Killarney March 8th to 10th (the week before this CE Convention)

**France 103 Nord Congres** - Hesdin, 5th, 6th and 7th April (DG Paul and I are going, but more would be very welcome)

**German MD111 Convention** - Hannover May 10th to 12th the week after the MD105 Convention in Weston super Mare (Hosted by our Twin District 111NH). There are still as I write this, a few opportunities to be hosted by German Lions available) and a longer description of the events and trips around their convention were in the Bulletin and Newsletter at the beginning of March.

**Romanian District 124 Convention\*** - Deva May 24th to 26th. Plans for the visit to Romania are well advanced, with a team mainly from New Century Lions going, with me in tow. If you are interested, please let me know.

**The Netherlands 110CO** - 1st June in S'Hertogenbosch (This is the only one I am not attending, so it would be especially good if others would volunteer)

\*Both the Irish and Romanian conventions are their national conventions, but they are Single Districts.

For all 5 conventions, we would like a team to go from CE to support our twins, help them celebrate and perhaps join in some service events after the conventions. This is open to all Lions and Partners, not just Cabinet Officers!

Finally, a request to Clubs to support their Zone Chairmen. We asked Zone Chairmen for details of which clubs have Twinning with whom, and what you do as part of the Twinning (service project, social, not much). Please make sure you let the Zone Chairmen know!

## **TWINNING**

**LION THERESA WALKER**

Firstly, I would like to congratulate our friends from the Netherlands Arjan and Danielle on their engagement and their wedding on the 29th December and we wish them all the best.



I have spoken to Ireland this last week and they would love to do a project with us. Which I will follow up.

I have a zoom meeting with Germany this next week which Derek has set up . I am hoping to contact our French twin district shortly.

I have arranged with John Luc the date for the 'Beaches Trip' it will be from the 19th to 23rd September further details when we have worked out details Verdun will be putting details in the newsletter for people to contact me.

## **INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS**

**LION UJJAL KULAR**



One of the projects I have been working on is a WaSH group project regarding a girl's school, Narok Region (Masai Mara) in Kenya.

Sekenani Girls High School is the only high school for girls in this area. The preference is given to the boys to educate them to high school level so that they can get jobs. The girls are married at a young age in exchange for cattle; it's a cultural situation and a vicious cycle.

Sekenani Girls School is more than a school for the girls, it's a safe haven from hard labour, child marriage and female genital mutilation. This school has primitive water facilities; the water is fetched from the Sekenani River by girls for daily use, although a pipeline has been constructed to provide water. The school currently is lacking sufficient drinking water.

There are 8 toilets and 8 washrooms for 900 girls, the girls have to walk, at night, from their dormitories to the nearby block of toilets which has no washing facilities. The aim is to provide water facilities in the dormitories.

I attended the Europa Forum in Klagenfurt, Austria 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> October where this project was discussed and planning work has already started to provide Water purification through membrane filters, to harvest rainwater in tanks, toilets, menstrual hygiene rooms and much more.

I have discussed the project plans and the financial implications with our CE Cabinet, and I am pleased to say that the Cabinet approves of this project.

Our International President Patti Hill has also visited the site in Kenya and approves the project.

### **LCIF, BERT MASON AWARD**

### **LION ALAN HALL**

Club LCIF donations made in the recent Lionistic years were:

Year	No of Members	No of Clubs	Clubs Donated	%	LCIF Donations	Clubs T/O (£1:\$1.35)		LCIF/Club T/O
2016/2017		93	68	73.12%	\$ 50,562.15			
2017/2018		93	51	54.84%	\$ 38,110.93			
2018/2019	1785	93	69	74.19%	\$ 53,336.23	£ 750,145.18	\$ 1,012,695.99	5.27%
2019/2020	1713	93	69	73.12%	\$ 79,147.02	£ 803,166.65	\$ 1,084,274.98	7.30%
2020/2021	1627	93	49	52.69%	\$ 42,633.95	£ 388,485.15	\$ 524,454.95	8.54%
2021/2022	1582	91	73	80.22%	\$ 136,517.54	£ 474,309.18	\$ 640,317.39	21.32%
2022/2023	1493	85	69	81.18%	\$95,048.04	£ 446,967.53	\$ 603,406.43	15.75%
2023/2024	1456	82	49	59.76%	\$40,650.56			

Worldwide disasters are occurring ever more frequently and the response from Clubs within District 105CE has been fantastic.

Club donations reported by LCIF in this Lionistic year to the end of February 2023/2024 was \$40,650.56 which is \$4,803.31 greater than the same point last year. \$40,650.56 = \$27.92 per member, our District target is \$24.53 per member. Only 49 clubs within the District have made donations to LCIF at the time of writing this report which compares to 45 Clubs at the same point last year.

<b>Disaster Appeal Donations</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2021/2022</b>
International Disaster Relief	£22,530.00	£1,995.00	£11,462.80
Undesignated	£2,450.00	£9,540.00	£500.00
Ukraine	£107.00	£5,212.53	£60,979.79
European Floods			£3,300.00
Haiti			£6,400.00
India			£387.50
Madagascar			£3,050.00
Tonga			£8,000.00
US Tornados			£1,550.00
Puerto Rico		£2,650.00	
Pakistan		£8,586.28	
Childhood Cancer		£685.00	
Florida	£300.00	£800.00	
Turkey/Syria	£500.00	£5,650.00	
Morocco	£5,275.00		
Libya	£250.00		
Mexico	£800.00		

Refugees	£750.00		
Japan	£1,100.00		
Napal	£100.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£34,162.00</b>	<b>£35,118.81</b>	<b>£95,630.09</b>

LCIF has made four appeals to date in 2023/2024, Displaced People/Refugees, Japan Earthquake, Morocco Earthquake, and the Pacific Region Hurricane, which Clubs have again generously donated towards. Where applicable Gift Aid has been claimed and supplemented the donations made by Clubs. Although we would like Clubs to continue to donate funds, we hope the disasters that occur throughout the world are reduced.

In October I attended a training event organised by LCIF personnel in Italy along with fellow District Coordinators. This provided information regarding Grant Preparation, Donation Stewardship, LCIF Stories, Support Tools and Resources available, Recognition and Milestones.

I continue to produce and issue a Monthly Report regarding LCIF Donations and Grants which is sent to Club LCIF Officers and circulated to Club Presidents and Cabinet Officers. This can also be found on the District website.

### **LCIF Status of Instalment**

Presently Clubs within the District have accumulated US\$520,414.70 credits towards MJF/PMJFs (US\$498,939.85 credits at this point last year), this equates to 520 MJF/PMJF that could be awarded by Clubs. I would encourage Clubs to look at recognising worthy recipients for their Humanitarian Service by awarding Melvin Jones Fellowships (these can be Lion Members or Members of the Public).

Credits held by individuals or clubs may be donated and re-assigned to other Clubs or Districts, to do this the nomination has to be completed on the appropriate form and submitted to LCIF.

If any Club wishes to know their actual credit value or wishes to transfer credits, please contact me for the individual Club information.

### **MJF Recognition**

I have continued to assist Clubs in the application of PMJF's/MJF's, and I am aware of 27 applications submitted so far, this Lionistic year.

To date the District have 478 members who have received MJF's with 38 also holding Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships. This is a great way of recognising the contribution made by individuals (Lions and members of the public) towards humanitarian causes and provides a large contribution to the growth of LCIF funds which enables our association to meet humanitarian needs in communities around the world.

### **Bert Mason Awards**

The Bert Mason Humanitarian Award can only be recommended by Lions or Leos and the nomination has to be endorsed by the District Governor. To date I have had no requests for any Bert Mason Awards. Please encourage Clubs to consider applicants for this prestigious award in recognition of a Lions who has given exceptional service for humanitarian needs.

### **LCIF Grants**

To date this year, I am working with a Club within our District to formulate an LCIF Grant Applications which hopefully will be successfully in receiving funding. Members question



what funds are received in the British Isles from LCIF; if we submit no grant applications, we will receive no funds!!

**Grants Awarded since July 2022**

<b>Worthy Cause</b>	<b>Grants Awarded 2023/2024</b>	<b>Grant Value 2023/2024</b>	<b>Grant Value 2022/2023</b>	<b>Grant Value 2021/2022</b>
Vision	65	\$6,099,469	\$7,580,006	\$8,256,359
Youth	140	\$2,245,542	\$4,117,879	\$2,815,500
Disaster Relief	177	\$8,694,609	\$7,078,659	\$6,346,320
Humanitarian Efforts	521	\$11,740,017	\$14,178,979	\$12,322,779
Diabetes	22	\$555,135	\$401,536	\$1,004,562
Hunger	42	\$2,504,729	\$2,183,542	\$1,586,875
Environment	15	\$124,900	\$337,516	\$126,206
Childhood Cancer	16	\$1,783,382	\$398,870	\$1,500,439
Ukraine			\$2,864,406	\$1,723,260
Turkey/Seria			\$200,000	
Earthquake				
<b>Total Grants Awarded</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>\$33,747,883</b>	<b>\$41,341,493</b>	<b>\$35,682,300</b>

**OBJECTIVES**

<b>SP</b>	<b>DO</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Comments</b>
4.	1.	<b>Continue to support Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). The District will raise at least US\$52,126 during 2023/2024 to support LCIF</b>	49 Clubs (out of the 82) have contributed to LCIF to date with donations of \$40,650 year to date. LCIF information is being sent to the Club Coordinators and published on the District website. District aspirational target \$50.00 per member LCIF target of \$35.80 per member Present donations = \$27.92 per member Present Forecast = \$40.84 per member Clubs Donating to LCIF 59.76%- 2023/2024 ytd 81.18% - 2022/2023 80.22% - 2021/2022 52.69% - 2020/2021 73.12% - 2019/2020
4.	2.	<b>Ensure that individual and Club participation in our District Increases by 5%</b>	Club Participation 2022/2023: (81.18%) Club Participation 2023/2024: (59.76%) 49 Clubs have contributed year to date.
4.	3.	<b>Ensure at least 1 club in our district achieves 100% member participation</b>	
4.	4.	<b>Encourage a personal donation to LCIF from at least 5 members of the District Cabinet</b>	7 Individual Donors contributed to the value of \$6,254.21 year to date.

**CONVENTION OFFICER**

**LION DAVID KING**

Planning a convention is never an easy task and it doesn't happen without lots of hard work. This year has been challenging in many ways, but we have managed to make it work.

Bookings were very slow until the last few weeks, but we have managed to get the numbers we need at the functions. A special mention to my fellow New Century members for all their hard work to make this happen. It would be wrong to fail to mention the extra effort made by Lions Kelly Marie Thompson and Paula Mellows. Both have given their time to ensure we have a successful weekend.

We now have a host committee for 2025, with Lion Erica Constable taking the lead as Convention Host. We will be returning to The Holiday Inn, Peterborough from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025. I have already mentioned the amount of work that goes into organising a convention, so what I need from everyone is a commitment to book early! A £20 deposit with your booking form will secure a place at the 2025 convention. So come along and enjoy a “good old knees up” at the Cockney Night on the Friday and I am sure it will be another great weekend. Please remember to promote and encourage bookings at club, zone, and region meetings.

At the time of writing, we have no proposals to host beyond 2025. What we need is to see a desire and willingness from other clubs, zones, and regions to host in 2026 and 2027. We don't want to carry on using the same venue year on year.

Please can any Lion who is interested in hosting contact me to discuss and see if we can find a viable venue that meets our requirements. To promote and motivate clubs into considering hosting a convention, I am prepared to hold an online zoom session, to outline the basic requirements and expectations. My contact details are in the directory or come and have a chat this weekend!

## **YOUTH REPORT**

Team Leader	Lion Sue Hibbert
Leos	Lion Lesley Clarke
Peace Poste	Lion Mel Godefroy
Roar	Lion Sue Denton
Young Ambassador	Lion Sue Hibbert
Young Leaders in Service	Lion Derek Rutter

## **YOUTH TEAM LEADER**

**Lion Sue Hibbert**

I would like to reiterate that the team and I are keen to come and talk to clubs, zones, and regions about all the amazing youth projects, give tips on approaching schools, youth groups etc.

So far only one Zone Chair has taken us up on the offer and I am looking forward to this visit in March.

I am also always looking for new people to join our team to support any of the sections so if you know anyone that is interested in youth, but maybe not in taking on a District role, yet, please put them in contact with me. As you can see, I hold multiple posts and would like to find others to take on these posts.

## **LEOS**

**Lion Lesley Clarke**

This has been my second year as Leo's Officer.

I contacted all the clubs, through the News, to see if there is any possibility of starting up a new Leo club. I have had several clubs contact me regarding starting a Leo Club which included Loughborough, Retford, March, Scunthorpe, and Leigh on Sea but as, yet nothing has been forthcoming.

East Anglia New Century Leo club keep me informed of all they are involved with and have 14 members (an increase of 6) but unfortunately, I cannot seem to get any information from Conningsby and Tattershall Leo Club who have 16 members.

I have attended several Zoom meetings with New Century Leo members.

## **PEACE POSTER**

**Lion Mel Godefroy**

Peace poster after selling 30 packs in the end we only had about 15 sent back for the competition, which was won by Lola, sponsored by March Lions Club. She will be attending our convention.

This year's theme has been announced as PEACE WITHOUT LIMITS

Please order packs through me emailing [youthpeaceposter@lions105ce.org.uk](mailto:youthpeaceposter@lions105ce.org.uk) directly from the Lions HQ, Birmingham.

This year if you order from me, I will invoice your clubs and require payment before giving the packs over.

Why not try local youth groups as well as schools this year entrants must be aged between 11–13-years-olds.

## **ROAR**

**Lion Sue Denton**

The National Awards Day for the ROAR Competition was held via Zoom on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The winner from our District was sponsored by Great Yarmouth Lions Club and it was a pleasure to hand their Trophy to 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Chris Speed who was part of our District Judging Team. I think all the judges were surprised at the ideas that all our Clubs nominated schools designed and presented.

Since the commencement of this now Multiple District Competition, we have reached over 100,000 children and brought the name of Lions to the attention of Teachers and parents. It has also given the opportunity of Lions Clubs to become more involved with their schools and community.

Plans are well ahead with this year's competition and PDG Lion Steve Scall will have the pleasure of presenting two videos that have been produced by Lions and our Partner's 8billionideas at Convention. Money for these videos has been provided by the Multiple District. Lion Steve and the District Team have also organised a series of Zoom Meetings specifically for the benefit of Clubs which will be circulated by our District Secretary which I know will be of great assistance to Clubs. Please encourage Clubs to attend one of these sessions.

I will continue to support and promote the ROAR Competition

## **YOUNG AMBASSADOR**

**Lion Sue Hibbert**

I was really excited about attending the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event on 17<sup>th</sup> February and wished our district winner, Mollie, all the best in the competition. Below is her personal statement.

*During my time as Head Girl and National Student Leadership, I learnt that I could use my voice to speak out for peers needs. At school, I saw friends struggling with everyday items they couldn't afford so campaigned for a uniform swap shop which was rolled out across 39 academies and period poverty projects in the local community. I have continued speaking up for peers at college where I am Charity and Community Outreach Lead. I have been invited into schools, talking about taking opportunities, to understand that they can make a difference and shape their future, I have spoken at National Head Teachers Conferences to promote student needs.*

*Through my passion for fundraising, I enlisted 80 academies to raise money for Ukraine, hitting an £17,000. I've led many fundraising activities including one for Cystic Fibrosis UK after finding out that my friend's little sister was diagnosed.*

Please contact me if you need a little help finding your amazing candidate for next year.

I am pleased to report that I have recently had an enquiry from one of our Club Branches about Young Leaders in Service for a Guide Group, I look forward to getting the Certificates issued in due course. This is in addition to my own club which recently awarded certificates to 18 young people from 2 organisations with a total of 1197 hours of service.

I'm hopeful that more clubs will become involved, please make yourself known to me at the convention and I'll provide you with the information to get started.

Youth must form the basis for the future of our organisation, by giving these certificates it is a way of bringing Lions to their attention and of their parents, most of whom are much younger than our current membership.

Ideas of who to approach... school Duke of Edinburgh Award schemes, Air Cadets, Army Cadets, Scouts, Guides, Sea Cadets, St John's Ambulance, Red Cross, Police Cadets, and any other organisation that encourages Community Service.

If we don't ask, and inform organisations what Young Leaders is about, we won't get the opportunity to meet some great young people.

Meeting the parents of our Young Leaders would be a great way of finding potential new members!

**End Of Reports**

**2023 Minutes follow**

**District Account Details are the last**

**Minutes of Lions Clubs International  
District 105CE 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention  
held at Dunston Hall  
on Saturday 18 March 2023**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Lion John Potter welcomed delegates to convention and gave the safety protocols for the day.																																																																
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<b>8.</b>	<b>Introduction of Convention Guests</b> DG Lion Chris welcomed everyone to convention and thanked everyone for their work before convention. He noted there was a quiz for first timers. He recognised the international guests. He reflected on the Lions motto; we serve and his theme for the year 'Lions is lifechanging.'																																																																
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	<p style="text-align: center;">Lion Paul Bousfield                      Woodhall Spa Lions Club</p> <p>We should also remember former Lion PDG John Haynes and Lion Ann Pemberton. PDG Lion Barry reminded the district he always has available a coffin drape for use in the South of the District. PDG Lion Jim Cawte and PDG Lion Derek Blow also have them available for use in the middle and the North of the District.</p>
11.	One minute Silence was also held for Ukraine, Turkey and other areas affected by conflict and disaster.
12.	<p><b>Messages</b></p> <p>Lion Keith read messages from CC Lion Alistair and Jemma, Teresa Walker and Lion Chris Ebsworth.</p> <p>He also reported apologies from PDG Lion Derek Blow and Aileen, and from 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Colin Talbot.</p> <p>There was a card from members of New Century Lions Club.</p> <p>Lion John Potter had received a letter from King Charles III.</p>
13.	<b>Partners Leave.</b>
14.	<p><b>Opening remarks DG</b></p> <p>DG Chris said it means such a lot to chair the district and help manage the MD. He recognised the support of friends and family. He told his story of becoming a Lion and being part of an evolving club. He reflected that 'Lions is what you make of it, what works for your members, and make them what it is.</p> <p>He also spoke about the development of Gleaning and how this can support membership growth along with meeting global causes.</p>
15.	<p><b>Convention Standing Orders</b></p> <p>PDG Lion David Merchant set out the procedures and protocol for the day advising when attendees are speaking on Resolutions, proposing Officers or in debate.</p> <p>If any Cabinet member wishes to address Convention, please state whether you are representing the views of Cabinet or otherwise.</p> <p>Please don't speak until called to do so and always use a microphone.</p> <p>Lions from the floor may speak only once to any Resolution.</p> <p>Proposer of Resolutions will be permitted 3 minutes to speak after which the Resolution must be formally proposed.</p> <p>Secunder to any Resolution may formally second the Resolution and reserve the right to speak later.</p> <p>Proposer and seconder may reply at the conclusion of debate and will be allowed 2 minutes.</p> <p>Speakers in general debate will be allowed 2 minutes and must speak directly to the extent of that Resolution.</p> <p>Please respect the time allowed and if you receive a signal you have overstepped that time, please close your conversation immediately.</p> <p>When voting please use your delegate cards</p> <p>Let us enjoy good debate, with humour and in the spirit of Lionism for the benefit of our organisation, both in our District and Internationally</p> <p>Resolutions will be displayed on the screen, and they are in the Convention booklet, therefore, I will not be reading the Resolutions into the minutes.</p> <p>I hereby invoke Convention's Standing Orders</p> <p>Thank you, Convention, for your attention and understanding.</p>
16.	<p><b>Credentials Comm Report</b></p> <p>PDG Lion David reported that the number of Clubs registered and attending Convention is 46</p> <p>Number of Voting delegates is 80</p> <p>He confirmed Convention is quorate.</p> <p>He advised voting tellers for today will be PDG Lion Lesley Clarke, Lion Nicola Claxton, Lion Ian Constable and Lion Andrew Wilcox - please make yourself known to Convention.</p> <p>He added for each Resolution the number of votes cast will be counted, the results announced to Convention and recorded for the Minutes.</p> <p>PDG Lion David reported he had not received a nomination from any Lions Club or group of Clubs wishing to host Convention in 2024 by the closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 and this meant the responsibility fell on the District Cabinet, however there is now a Host Committee led by the current Convention Chair.</p> <p>PDG Lion David also reported there have been no nominations from Lion members wishing to take up a position of District Trustee and therefore the appointed Trustees (DG, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG, IPDG, District Secretary and District Treasurer) will appoint 1 Trustee to serve for the next 4 Lionistic years.</p>
17.	<b>Minutes of last convention</b>

	The minutes of the 2021 convention were proposed by PDG Lion Guch Manku, seconded by Lion Graham Venables. They were approved and signed as a true record.										
<b>18.</b>	<b>Coffee</b>										
<b>19.</b>	<b>Reports from cabinet teams</b> DG Chris welcomed members back to convention.										
<b>20.</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> VDG</b> No update										
<b>21.</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> VDG</b> No update										
<b>22.</b>	<b>District Secretary</b> No update										
<b>23.</b>	<b>District Treasurer</b> Lion Paula provided updates to her report. Lions Clubs of this District have donated to Charitable organisations for the year ending June 2022 so far we have donated £358,907.36 but this figure will increase when all accounts have been submitted (34 Clubs still to come in) The total donated so far as a District this has now risen to £2,293,179.26 in just 4 years. The amounts donated through District to the following Lions projects: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Water Aid - £1700.00</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Korle Bu - £100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eye Camps - £2060.00</td> <td>LIBRA - £350.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balls 4 All - £1250.00</td> <td>LCIF - £60368.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brain Tumour - £4477.07</td> <td>Medic Alert - £50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Activity Alliance (EFDS) - £1600.00</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Water Aid - £1700.00	Korle Bu - £100.00	Eye Camps - £2060.00	LIBRA - £350.00	Balls 4 All - £1250.00	LCIF - £60368.21	Brain Tumour - £4477.07	Medic Alert - £50.00	Activity Alliance (EFDS) - £1600.00	
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<b>24.</b>	<p><b>Resolution 1</b></p> <p><b>PDG Lion David Merchant introduced the resolution</b></p> <p><b><u>Resolution No.1 Proposed by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Paul and Seconded by Lion Paula on behalf of District Cabinet</u></b></p> <p><u>District Subscriptions</u></p> <p>This Convention resolves that the District Dues for the Lions fiscal year 2023/2024 will be set at £10.00 per member payable in two equal instalments, the first due by 31st August 2023 based on membership recorded on 30th June 2023, and the second in February 2024 based on the membership recorded on 31st December 2023.</p> <p><u>Explanatory Note</u></p> <p>The District Treasurer, the District Governor Team and Cabinet Officers have looked very carefully at the budget for the District Lions year 2023/2024 and unfortunately it has been necessary to increase the annual dues. This increase reflects the increased mileage allowance and the reduction in our membership numbers. The budget is planned to ensure a breakeven situation results from our best endeavours.</p> <p>The District Governor and Cabinet Officers will continually look to support Clubs and members in the most appropriate and effective way to provide the necessary management of District 105CE.</p> <p><b><u>This Resolution requires a simple majority</u></b></p> <p><b>Lion Simon Smith asked what portion pays to the District Directory which last year was late out. He appreciates the matter of a printed directory cannot re-look at it. Lion Paula noted it is £1000. Lion Simon would like cabinet to look at this. Lion Keith agreed with Lion Simon and advised options are being looked at. DG Lion Chris noted we have agreed to have a directory, but not said what that would be, so would like to look at them. A survey has gone out, so a response would be appreciated to resolve this. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Paul had some replies from a questionnaire. Looking to save costs. Further information would be welcomed. PID Lion Phil symposium people don't know what goes on outside their club. It is Phil's view members have the right to know the detail included and we need a directory, let's not tear up history.</b></p> <p><b>The results on the vote were.</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">For 65</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Against 7</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Abstentions 0</td> </tr> </table> <p>There was a majority of 58.</p> <p><b>The resolution was carried.</b></p>	For 65	Against 7	Abstentions 0							
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<b>25.</b>	<b>Sergeant at Arms.</b> No update.										
<b>26.</b>	<b>Region/Zone Chairs</b> No update										
<b>27.</b>	<b>ICT/PR</b> No update.										
<b>28.</b>	<b>Youth Team</b> No update										

29.	<b>Admin Team</b> No update.
30.	<p><b>Resolution 2</b>  <b><u>Resolution No. 2 Proposed by CCE Lion David Pope and Seconded by Lion John Potter on behalf of District Cabinet</u></b>  Addition to By Law Article VIII Section 3 Timetable of submission of Nominations for office shall be by 31st October, Resolutions by 31st October, Amendments by 26th January and Nominations for Trustees by 31st December these dates shall be included in the Convention Call. The final date for submission of Resolutions proposed and seconded by District Cabinet is to be 30th November. All Resolutions will be forwarded to Clubs by 3rd December.</p> <p><u>Explanatory Note</u>  This extension for District Cabinet Resolutions will allow time for discussion at the Second Cabinet Meeting of that lionistic year of topics worthy of a Resolution, time for such Resolutions to be worded and Cabinet to agree such wording. <b><u>This Resolution requires a two thirds majority</u></b>  <b>No debate.</b>  <b>The results on the vote</b> were.  For 74                                      Against 0                                      Abstentions 0  <b>The resolution was Carried.</b></p>
31.	<p><b>Resolution No. 3 Proposed by CCE Lion David Pope and Seconded Lion John Potter on behalf of District Cabinet</b>  Amendment to By Law Article VIII Section 4  The District Governor shall through the CNRO, receive all amendments to resolutions proposed to be deliberated upon by the District Convention. All amendments must be in the hands of the CNRO by 31st January.</p> <p><u>Explanatory Note</u>  Resolution No. 3 prompts the need to amend the date of receipt of amendments to 31st January as Resolutions proposed and seconded by District Cabinet would not be sent to Clubs until early December. As some Clubs do not meet in December this new date provides Clubs with the opportunity to discuss Resolutions in January and forward any proposed amendments to the CNRO by the specified date.  Please note this date would also then apply to Article VIII Section 3 for receipt of Amendments. Should Resolution No. 2 be rejected by Convention this Resolution would be withdrawn.  <b><u>This Resolution requires a two thirds majority</u></b>  <b>No debate.</b>  <b>The results on the vote</b> were.  For 73                                      Against 0                                      Abstentions 0  <b>The resolution was carried.</b></p>
32.	<b>GLMT</b> PDG Lion Alan reported that since the start of the Lions year, we have recruited 84 new members, lost 91.
33.	<b>New Voices Presentation</b> Lions Chris and Jamie Speed lead a role play to demonstrate how it can be for new members.
34.	<b>Global Leadership Support</b> Lion Graham reported things are due to change on the reporting system. My Lion is disappearing, with a new system in July. Currently awaiting information shortly. There will then be training for club officers. Make sure entries are accurate with individual emails. New club officers must be submitted by 1 June 2023 at the very latest. Lion Robyn has an update in relation to email addresses to be used in the system, it must be a personal email address and the individuals date of Birth must be recorded.
35.	<b>Global Service</b> Lion Ian provided an update to his report, advising that 40% of Gleaners are none Lions, but some are looking to join. In relation to the tree planting for canopy, 1079 trees have been planted.
36.	<b>International Team</b> PDG Lion Derek gave an explanation to the French flag. Unfortunately, they could not attend due to strikes in France.
37.	<b>Presentation by Twinning Guests</b> Renate addressed convention and wished a successful convention. She extended an Invite to Germany for 2024 convention. DG Chris presented a gift.



	<p><b>DG Ciprian from Romania happy to be here representing Romanian Lions. Thank you for welcoming them. He noted his 33 years of Lions in Romania. DG Lion Chris made presentation.</b></p>
<p><b>38.</b></p>	<p><b>Intro for nominations.</b></p> <p><b>PDG Lion David reported</b> we have received 1 Nomination each for the 3 roles within the District Governor Team and Delegates have a copy of the voting papers in their Convention pack.</p> <p>Voting will take place during the lunch interval with the voting box situated at the front of the stage.</p> <p>The Nominations Committee, under the Chair of PDG Lion Roy Woodhouse also includes PDG Lion Bob Coxhead and Lion David Carter; they have reviewed the candidates details and he confirmed all nominees are suitably qualified, have signed to signify their willingness to accept office, and all endorsements are correct and appropriate.</p> <p>The independent voting count will be completed today by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Lesley Spence of District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Proposer of candidates for the office of District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor will be permitted a maximum of three minutes to introduce the candidate to Convention.</li> <li>(ii) Formally seconding the candidate will be with a simple acknowledgement of the seconding Clubs support.</li> <li>(iii) The candidate for the office of District Governor will be permitted a maximum of five minutes to address Convention.</li> <li>(iv) The candidates for the office of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor will be permitted three minutes to address Convention.</li> <li>(v) Convention is to a very tight timetable so please ensure you adhere to the timings stated.</li> <li>(vi) My apologies that the dates of the Nominees as published in the Convention booklet are incorrect and should read 2023/23</li> </ul> <p>The Nomination for District Governor for 2023/24 is Lion Paul Southerton, proposed by Lion Jane Scott of Hunstanton Lions Club</p> <p>Lion Jane introduced 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Paul Southerton for the role of DG for 2023/2024. The nomination was seconded by Nicola Claxton from Swaffham and District Lions Club.</p> <p>Lion Paul addressed convention saying Firstly a big thank you to my club Hunstanton Lions for proposing me as the candidate for District Governor 105CE for the next Lionistic year. Secondly also many thanks to Swaffham Lions for seconding the proposal and for the kind words from both clubs.</p> <p>Just a small piece about myself. I retired from the Prison Service after 33 years as a Prison Officer in 2008. For 7 years which was the best time in my career I was the main public and child protection officer for the Prison Service in the country hence my interest in the Multiple District Vulnerable Persons office which I have held now for nearly 3 years.</p> <p>After retiring I took a part time job in a café this didn't last long as I then took full time employment working as a chef and restaurant manager in a busy glass producing visitors centre for 6 years. I then worked part time in my local pub for 4 years and this ceased last November when the pub landlord retired.</p> <p>I enjoy spending time with my wife Sue and our 2 lovely Romanian rescue dogs and going to various caravan and camping sites in our motorhome.</p> <p>We also have 6 grandchildren that take up a lot of our time, but there is still time for Lions which I joined in 1993.</p> <p>The District Governors team feel it is always a privilege to visit different clubs for Charters and business meetings and this is made extra special when we present long service awards to our wonderful members.</p> <p>The motto of Immediate Past District Governor David's is BE PROUD TO SERVE, District Governor Chris's motto is LIONS IS LIFE CHANGING.</p> <p>I am pleased to say that I am proud that I am a LION, and that Lions has changed my life. I believe that the centre of a community is the heart. Lions serve from the heart.</p> <p>Has anyone guessed what my motto is . Lions are the heart of service.</p> <p>Past District Governor Ujjal's motto was SPREAD YOUR WINGS the meaning of this was to increase Service to Increase membership and this is what we are all striving to do.</p> <p>DISTRICT Governor Chris , Colin and I believe that each year should be a progression striving for continual improvement within our District and with the launch this year of the GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH where the foundations will be laid for rebuilding our great organisation locally , nationally and internationally. What a good year it is going to be.</p> <p>Finally, I would like to thank my wife Sue for tolerating the numerous zoom meetings and training sessions that we knew would be part of this great journey.</p>

I formally seek your support to allow me to serve as your District Governor 2023/2024

PDG Lion David noted the Nomination for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor for 2023/24 is Lion Colin Talbot, proposed by Lion Keith Blower of Clacton on Sea Lions Club  
Lion Keith introduced and proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Colin Talbot for the role of 1<sup>st</sup> VDG for the Lions year 2023/24. This was seconded by PDG Lion Derek Prior from Billericay Lions club.  
As Colin was unable to join us, Lion Keith read Colin's own statement saying, my career both in the Metropolitan Police Service and as a CCTV Consultant provided me with personnel skills, including development, practical training new legislation, motivation, team building.  
These skills I have used to good effect within our Organisation through the planning and involvement of fellow Lions in the organisation of events providing them with a sense of purpose and a feeling of achievement not forgetting enhanced fellowship not only within their own club but with both Region and Zones. Clay Pigeon Shoot, RNLI thermal imagers defibrillators.

I have learnt a lot from club visits and sharing good ideas with other clubs. It is reassuring how by working together, larger projects are achieved - **Together we can.**

We will retain our members by doing this –achievement.

**Membership Satisfaction** – I have a great team working with me, by working with clubs resolve issues and prevented loss of the club and reduced membership loss. Is this working? Yes, Feb 9 gained 5 loss 4 gained. We are here to support. **A satisfied Lion remains a Lion.**  
Milestone achievements – length of service published in the Bulletin ahead of presentation of chevrons.

It is great to be part of the DG Team and to become involved in the development of our District. Lions Share great project – working together, proudly sharing ideas to achieve a common goal – serving those in need. It was reassuring to witness the fellowship created on that day. My intention is to build on our achievements, modifying only where necessary, by regular communication with team leaders and involvement of our members. One of my goals will be a smooth transition as we evolve.

Encouragement of both prospective and experienced post holders, your knowledge is invaluable, by attending the various courses held within our district or My Lion. This development will assist Clubs to not only set goals but achieve them.

I am benefiting from my DG development courses. Having recently been accepted for the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute ALLI, knowledge learnt from this and other courses, I will put to effective use by moving our District forward. **Knowledge is power.**

**Together we can and together we will.**

**PDG Lion David informed cabinet the nomination for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG was Lion Chris Speed, proposed by Lion Richard Barr, Great Yarmouth.**

**Lion Richard Barr introduced and proposed Lion Chris speed for the role of 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG for the year 2023/24 giving an overview of their friendship and service as Lions. This was seconded by Lion Mel Godfrey, new Century.**

**Lion Chris Speed addressed convention saying,** I'm Lion Chris Speed from Great Yarmouth Lions Club, all the way over on the east coast of Norfolk. Not actual that far today.

I'm currently nearing the end of my second term as club president, I'm the Zone Chairperson for 3A and the Global Membership Approach New Members lead for our district.

I first joined the Lions nearly 20 years ago with my now wife but unfortunately, due to work commitments and the birth of our children, I wasn't able to give the club the time it deserved. In 2018, I re-joined the Great Yarmouth Lions Club to do more for the community.

While progressing, I have attended a symposium, the Regional Lions Leadership Institute training, I was one of the facilitators at Symposium 6 and I am an active member of New Voices for the multiple district. In May I'm looking forward to attending the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute training in Oslo in Norway.

I am currently a Regional Operations Director for an international public transport company, where I first began working in 1999.

With the training provided, I've become a proven leader who is also well known across the UK for developing others and bringing the best out of them.

	<p>I believe that if I am selected as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, I will be able to pass my expertise onto others to help them become leaders of the future, ultimately helping our district to serve more of our community.</p> <p>If I am successful, I'll be supported by my immediate family, they are Lion Jaime of Great Yarmouth Lions Club and my two daughters, Mollie, and Emily, both active members of New Century Leos Club. I will also be aided by my Father-in-Law, ex Lion Peter Millichamp, who was a very active member of the Great Yarmouth Lions Club for over 20 years.</p> <p>As you can see today, I'm being supported by members of the Great Yarmouth Lions Club who are celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary later this year.</p> <p>I will aid your clubs to increase their service, we all know that most of our new members join us after being involved in service projects.</p> <p>So, Service = New Members, New Members = more service projects, more service projects = more new members that ultimately means we have more engaged Lions and we can help More people in need.</p> <p>I'm very Proud to be a Lion and remember we are just normal people making this world a better place. Thank You</p> <p><b>PDG Lion David reminded delegates voting would take place over lunch.</b></p>
39.	<p><b>SPT</b> No update</p>
40.	<p><b>Magic Breakfast</b> Lion Sue gave an update on her appeal, Magic Breakfast which provides breakfasts for school children. She explained the work they undertake but did note that there is a need to get the schools to apply if 35% of the pupils attract pupil premium.</p>
41.	<p><b>Presentation on Ukraine</b> Lion Philipp from Augsburg presented about Help for Ukraine. This is a project to support clean water supply and health supplies for those affected by the conflict. They have also helped support resettlement of Ukrainian refugees in Germany. Are looking to support water project .LCIF are to provide some support.</p>
42.	<p><b>LCIF</b> PDG Lion Alan gave a presentation on LCIF, A Certificate of appreciation was presented to PDG Lion Alan for his work on LCIF.</p>
43.	<p><b>ROAR</b> PDG Lion Steve introduced the Roar competition for 2023. He noted that children change the world, and this is the aim of the project. He encouraged clubs to support the project. DG Lion Chris presented PDG Lion Steve with a certificate of appreciation.</p>
44.	<p><b>Young Ambassador</b> Lion Sue introduce Aston Fulcher the Young Ambassador for the District. Aston addressed convention giving an overview of his project recycling pallets to create products to sell in aid of charity. He also reflected on his experience in the competition and the skills he has developed as a result of participating.He thanked New Century Lions for their support.</p>
45.	<p><b>Convention 2024</b> Lion Kelly introduced convention 2024.it is hoped to host at Dunston Hall again. There will be feedback following this year's event to help inform decisions for next year. DG Lion Chris recognised the core team responsible for organising this year's convention. Lion David also thanked Lion John Potter for his support in guiding the team through the planning.</p>
46.	<p><b>Lions Share</b> DG Lion Chris spoke about Lions Share project and the aim for clubs to share details about projects that made them proud. A folder will be produced for each club. Lion Marilyn Batrick from Wisbech introduced their project, for Peace poster. Lion Stan Stamford introduced Glanford and Lindsey who spoke about supporting a young lady to go to Ghana to build a school. They also supplied pillowcase dresses for the young people. DG Lion Chris wants clubs to share their projects.</p>

	<p>DG Lion Chris Spoke about the District fun day at Great Yarmouth and the need to chare this.</p> <p>Lion Graham spoke about CPR training for groups and organisations.</p> <p>Lion Verdun spoke about the Lions Challenge to youth badge, for Scouts, Guides, and other youth groups.</p> <p>Lion Julie from Chelmsford Lions, working with bags for taste. The recipients are given a pack and are then given a recipe and zoom call to learn how to cook.</p>						
47.	<p><b>Lions Brain Tumour Research</b></p> <p>Lion Lynn introduced the Lions Brain Tumour video. She explained that the MD has pledged to raise £1million. So far, we have raised £250k, so there is still a long way to go. This year there is the coronation balloon race. The appeal is not just with Lions so please share with family and friends.</p>						
48.	<p><b>MD &amp; International convention</b></p> <p>PDG Lion Guch introduced MD convention and international convention. He encouraged Lions to attend these events to share knowledge.</p>						
49.	<p><b>Intro of international Guest</b></p> <p>PID Lion Phil introduced Lion Daniel Marney Elkins DG from 22D Delaware as the international Guest.</p>						
50.	<p><b>Address by DG Lion Daniel Marney Elkins</b></p> <p>DG Lion Daniel Marney Elkins Addressed convention. He gave an overview of his relatively short career as a Lion and his work in growing Lions locally to him. The key features of his address were to grow Lions through looking at the needs of the community and seeking interest through those who wanted to volunteer.</p>						
51.	<p><b>Vote of Thanks</b></p> <p>DG Lion Chris gave a vote of thanks to DG Lion Daniel Maney Elkins.</p>						
52.	<p><b>Presentation of Trophies</b></p> <p>DG Lion Chris presented the trophies.</p> <p>Young Ambassador – Ashton Fulcher – New Century.</p> <p>Peace Poster – Wisbech.</p> <p>Special needs Peace Poster – Leigh on Sea</p> <p>Membership Net Increase – Louth District Lions.</p> <p>Photographic competition – Animals – Barry Miller.</p> <p>Nature – Lesley Clarke.</p> <p>Flowers – Lesley Clarke.</p> <p>Overall, Winner – Lesley Clarke.</p> <p>Travelling Lion – Spalding Lions.</p> <p>Don Peech Golf Trophy – won by Andy</p> <p>First timers Competition – Richard Banks, Sonia Smith, Liam Barker.</p> <p>Club Album Award – Leigh on Sea.</p> <p>Service recognition award – Glanford &amp; Lindsey.</p> <p>International Relations Award – Bob &amp; Carol Coxhead.</p>						
53.	<p><b>Individual presentations</b></p> <p>PID Phil Nathan 40-year service.</p> <p>Certificate of Appreciation Derek Prior – International work.</p> <p>Sarah – Lions Share. Certificate of appreciation and DG Appreciation medal.</p> <p>DG Appreciation medal – David King &amp; Kelly Marie – Convention</p> <p>DG Appreciation medal – John Potter – convention</p> <p>CCE Lion David – certificate International President award Chairmans Medal.</p> <p>International Leadership Award to PDG Lion Alan Hall.</p> <p>Chairmans award – PDG Lion Derek Blow.</p> <p>International Leadership Award – Graham Venables.</p> <p>International Leadership Award – Verdun Weebly.</p> <p>International President Certificates of Appreciation – PDG Ian Fox &amp; PDG Tony Colburn.</p>						
54.	<p><b>Declaration of results</b></p> <p>PDG Lion David confirmed that the District Governor Team for 2023/24 is:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">District Governor</td> <td>Paul Southerton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor</td> <td>Colin Talbot</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor</td> <td>Chris Speed</td> </tr> </table> <p>Congratulations to you all and I wish you a successful and enjoyable year.</p> <p>He expressed Conventions' grateful thanks to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Lesley Spence for assisting with the ballot count.</p> <p><b>DGE Lion Paul Addressed Convention and thanked convention.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Lion Chris addressed convention.</b></p>	District Governor	Paul Southerton	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor	Colin Talbot	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor	Chris Speed
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55.	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <b>DG Lion Chris congratulated those officers elected to office.</b> <b>He thanked Lions for an enjoyable convention.</b>
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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Governor Lion Paul Southerton

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

District 105CE Budget 2024-25

Summary	Budget	2023-24
Membership	1450	1530
Proposed Subscription	£ 11.00	£ 10.00
<b>Total Surplus / Deficit</b>	<b>-£ 550.00</b>	<b>-£ 5.00</b>

Income		
District Dues	£ 15,950.00	£ 15,300.00
Norfolk Show	£ 200.00	£ 200.00
Bank Interest		
	<b>£ 16,150.00</b>	<b>£ 15,500.00</b>
Expenditure		
<b>District Officers Expenses</b>		
District Governor	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,500.00
1st Vice District Governor	£ 800.00	£ 800.00
2nd Vice District Governor	£ 600.00	£ 600.00
Region Chairs	£ 600.00	£ 600.00
Zone Chairs	£ 1,700.00	£ 1,700.00
<b>District Officers Expenses</b>		
District Governors Team	£ 1,150.00	£ 1,150.00
Administration	£ 350.00	£ 275.00
PR & Communications	£ 400.00	£ 400.00
International Relations	£ 200.00	£ 200.00
Strategic Planning Team (SPT)	£ -	£ -
Global Services Team (GST)	£ 600.00	£ 588.00
Global Membership Team (GMT)	£ 630.00	£ 624.00
Global Leadership Team (GLT)	£ 800.00	£ 759.00
Youth	£ 370.00	£ 438.00
<b>District Convention</b>	£ 3,500.00	£ 3,150.00
<b>Twinning Guests at Convention</b>	£ 850.00	£ 858.00
<b>Gazebo Repairs</b>	£ -	£ -
<b>Norfolk Show</b>	£ -	£ -
<b>Cabinet Meetings</b>	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
<b>Forum (Lions Share Folders)</b>	£ 1,000.00	£ -
<b>Supplies - Annual Chains / Badges</b>	£ 300.00	£ 300.00
<b>MD Directories (Clubs and Cabinet)</b>	£ 750.00	£ 1,000.00
<b>Sundries</b>	£ 100.00	£ 63.00
	<b>£ 16,700.00</b>	<b>£ 15,505.00</b>

<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>-£ 550.00</b>	<b>-£ 5.00</b>
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## DISTRICT 105CE (CREATING EXCELENCE!)

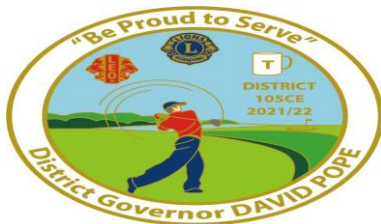
### District Governor – Lion Guch Manku – 2019 -2020



### District Governor – Lion Ujjal Kular – 2020-2021



### District Governor – Lion David Pope – 2021-2022



### District Governor – Lion Chris Hibbert – 2022-2023



Diabetes



Environment



Hunger



Vision



Childhood Cancer



Young People