



Lions Clubs International British Isles District 105CE

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MONTHLY NEWS JANUARY 2021

May I first start by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. I hope the New Year brings freedom to meet each other and bring happiness and normality as we know it.

I would like to welcome the New members who have recently joined us:-

David Kaye to Bourne Lions Club, Clive Hobbs to Castlepoint LC, Ankita Shah to East Anglia New Century LC, Megan Malbyoff, to Littleport LC, and Sam Varrall to Louth and District LC.

Welcome to, Lions Clubs International, a family of like-minded people; I am sure you will be busy in your Clubs and serving your communities as time goes on. I am looking forward to meeting each one of you at some point as soon as the conditions allow. My sincere thanks to the Sponsors who introduced these New Members to Lions organisation, have a great time together.

Many Clubs found ways of fundraising during the Festive Season, some opened giving pages and some raised funds via other methods. It will be interesting and informative to share your successes with others as well as your future plans. Please use this platform and share your stories and pictures. My thanks to you for trying your best in difficult circumstances.

Please record your Service on MyLCI to show everyone the effort you have made. It will show that District CE has not been sitting on its hands.

Becky Hall, the insurance advisor has had some complaints and some unfriendly behaviour. She is what she is, an Insurance advisor and cannot change advice and make exemptions as it suits someone. I am confident that there is no one from our District CE who has been inappropriate.

Just an update, Manjit started her walk for Diabetes, and has walked 177 miles so far. The aim is to walk the equivalent distance, from Lands-End to John O Groats, 874 Miles. Please send your donations to our District Treasurer, Paula, marked as DGs Wife's appeal (Diabetes). My sincere thanks to the Clubs and individuals who have already donated. A giving page has not been set up as yet; I will keep you in touch.

What I have written so far shows, that our District CE has made a positive start to the New Year and I am confident that this will carry on. Every day we are gaining more daylight and in a few weeks the temperature will be a little warmer and more Lions activity will start, depending on the restrictions. Let us think positively as we begin this year. The vaccine should be of great help to bring our freedom back. I, and the DG Team, are looking forward to meeting you in person.

Happy New Year, to all my fellow Lions, Leos, Lionesses and their families.

DG Ujjal, Manjit and family

A Poem by Lion Roy Watts.

I am now a member of Peterborough Lions Club
We usually have our meetings in a pub,
But because of Covid we have to meet on zoom
So, I was inducted in my room.
There is one thing that I hope
You don't put too much blame on David Pope,
When Covid has finished and gone,
And normal life can go on,
Then we can end our zoom call
And I can personally meet you all,
So 2020 I will always remember
Because that's the tear I became a Peterborough Lions Club member,
We will not sway we will not swerve,
The Lions motto is We Serve



Croatia needs our help, can our clubs of 105CE rally to the call? Please!

On Tuesday 29th December at about the middle of the day a strong shallow earthquake hit Croatia (shallow is bad because it spreads). District 126 Croatia had invited friends to attend an end of year party on 30th, its purpose to celebrate Great Service actions and to look to the New Year with hope, instead it became a call to all possible, for “help” and to make plans for recovery, for immediate response and in the days, weeks and months ahead. The country was in shock.

Even today they are searching the rubble for missing, 7 are recorded dead so far, one a child.

In outskirt villages, farmers with livestock stayed with their animals to calm them, buildings had gone, it is Winter and cold. The quake hit Cities of Sisak, Petrinja, Glna and all surrounding villages. Tremors were felt in surrounding Countries. Slovenia, where Parliament abandoned business, Serbia where Belgrade was shaken.

The first DG of Croatia was Ivica Jakic, he was on-line, and he stated, “Phil you helped us 25 years ago and we need you again now”.

Yes, 25 years ago 8 forty-ton trucks, a 7 ½ toner a land Rover and a 52-seater coach were met at the Croatian border of Zagreb, DG Ivica met DG PN for the first time and it was in a blizzard

I had led a team of 40 brave Lions Lionesses and Leos on a mission that became known as Lionheart and led to many humanitarian actions. It gave birth to LCI - A Gift for Living.

The intrepid team witnessed and lived, life changing experience for the next two weeks.

Amongst other items we delivered 100,000 parcels of love and hope to the peoples ravaged by war, to the children and mothers that had lost their man of the family.

This week, Ivica told me that the coffee bar that was still standing at that time and where we took coffee after a hectic day of delivering, was gone, destroyed in the earthquake. It brought the whole situation into real-time.

Current District Governor Vinka who proudly wears the DG collar we gifted the District, addressed the 69 guests and Croatian members and below is the translated version.

My dear lion friends,

By the end of this year we should have been spending time together in a much better and more joyful mood, however, unpredictable and dire circumstances have changed that and rendered it impossible.

If I may, before we begin, let us take a moment and with a minute of silence, let us turn our thoughts and pay our respects to the 7 people killed and to the 12 year-old girl who died in the earthquake and to all the wounded, injured, helpless people of Sisak, Petrinja, Glna, Hrvatska Kostajnica and the surrounding villages that were destroyed in the earthquake, and to the people living in that area who were left without their homes.

Today, the whole of Croatia, all the Lions Club members as well as people from all over the world are sending out a message of support and solidarity.

Overwhelmed with emotions, it is difficult for me to look back on this year that is behind us, especially in these moments that I am experiencing alongside every single one of you.

I have been a Lions member for over 25 years and as the Governor of Lions Club D-126, I truly could not have foreseen that these times and circumstances we are in would represent a struggle for every member of our Lions family, for the community we live in as well as for my own personal safety. This year has deprived us of so much, but that is why we ourselves have built something that is considered to be of the greatest value in being a Lions member, in every family, and that is togetherness. In these moments, we have been among the first in Croatia to mobilize all our clubs in the district and beyond, to offer financial and every other kind of support to the earthquake victims in the Sisak-Moslavina County.

We are not alone in this, our Lions friends from neighbouring districts have been reaching out to us, together with concerned citizens who have supported us in all our humanitarian activities, who are familiar with the mission and the message of the Lions Clubs.

In addition to the donations that Lions Clubs have deposited to the District's account created for this specific purpose, I suggest that each of us members should deposit an additional 100kn to the account of our respective clubs and those funds to be spent, along with all the other payments made by other clubs, the District and donations made by citizens, to help those affected by the earthquake.

Residents of the Sisak-Moslavina County have been left homeless, households have been destroyed and help in the form of food and clothes donations is pouring in from every part of Croatia. We believe that what they currently need is housing and accommodation and therefore I suggest that the funds we raise be used to purchase mobile homes, whose number would depend on the amount of funds available. The price of one mobile home ranges from 5000 to 10 000 euros. In order to realize this project we have already started the negotiations process with the support of Alek Konić's II VDG. In this way we would be able to temporarily accommodate those people whose lives and livelihoods are tied to their villages and their livestock. However, we are open to all ideas.

I think these are the most acceptable steps to take at the moment, and with the expected help from LCF we could cover the help in the form of food and other things needed.

My dear Lions friends, Let me say a few words/look back on the year that is behind us about this year that is behind us.

In this past year many dear Lions members, relatives and friends have left us. We live in constant anticipation of better news from the rest of the world, in anticipation of a vaccine that should save humanity and stop the coronavirus pandemic

However, we also look back and remember all the good. That is who we are, the Lions, people with big hearts, humanitarians who defy all the odds, who fight against the storms and disasters in today's world. This year has been marked by giving, by giving our time and kindness and nothing has managed to stop us, and nothing will ever stop us in helping those in need. On YouTube, Facebook and website lions.hr you can find out about everything we do, our humanitarian efforts. When we take a look at the information there we have to feel proud of each and every member of our Lions Club and our Lions family, of all the new members who have joined our ranks, of all the effort you have invested and the actions you have taken to help the socially disadvantaged, the elderly and the infirm, the disabled, diabetics, the homeless, the blind and the visually impaired, children with cancer of all the songs we sung about Vukovar, of every forest saved and every tree planted and of all our other never ending work and achievements.

We will remember this year for our immense kindness because behind each and every of our projects there is a human being, an individual. We have stayed together in difficult times, a fact confirmed by the numbers in our District.

We work on educating our members, future leaders, membership directors, helping clubs to sustain themselves, but most importantly, we do it because we love it, with all of our big heart and soul, for our country that acknowledges us and believes in our strength and the future of the Lions Club.

Dear Lions friends, I thank you for the cooperation and the support you have shown me throughout this year. I am confident in the strength of our togetherness because we still have much to do by the end of my year at the head of the Lions Club.

I would also like to thank LCI and all the international officials who have given us their support. I believe we will know how to return the favour.

Therefore, my dear Lions, if we had not done and achieved all of this, we would have been much worse off. I wish you all the best in your personal and professional endeavours, even though we cannot foresee all the circumstances, and to wake up in a better and more successful new year.

Your Governor

Vinka Mitrovic



PLEASE DONATE IF YOU CAN – contact the district treasurer Paula. Lion Phil Nathan



The Centennial "100" Champions Lions Club



Special Olympics Great Britain's former Chair Murton Mann (left, with fellow Lions Len Dunne and Phil Nathan) has been awarded an MBE for services to people with intellectual disabilities

Former Special Olympic Great Britain Board Member, Athlete and Coach, Greg Silvester awarded British Empire Medal for services to people with learning disabilities in sport

Congratulation to both of you. So well deserved.



Swaffham Lions

Following a request from Artichoke, a shop in Swaffham, to find a home for Hats & Scarves that they wished to donate, together with other local donors, the Lions thought that the articles would be good for homeless people to receive during these troubled times. Tony Lakey, the Lions Welfare Chairman, took the donations to the Purfleet Trust in Kings Lynn who support the homeless. This follows a series of donations the Lions have distributed over the festive season including, a Christmas Hamper, Christmas handmade goodie bags and over 300 toys.



The generosity of Swaffham businesses and residents continues during this festive yet troubled season. The latest act of kindness comes from Impson the butchers who have donated a meat package to the Lions to pass on to a Swaffham family. Tony Potter, from Impson's, was very keen to support a local family during this difficult period.

Bourne Lions



We welcomed new member David Kaye, badged up in an outdoor location complete with masks due to COVID-19 restrictions. The pictures shows Lion David Kaye, the President Jon Chudley. From the beginning of the outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19) members from the community of Bourne and the surrounding villages have brought to the attention of Bourne Lions, certain individuals, teams and businesses that rose to the challenge of helping others within the community by providing food, physical and mental assistance, making and distributing Personal Protective Equipment, to those in need.

Lions Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the following:-

Caring for the elderly and vulnerable

Jenny Peel and the Butterfield Team
Kelly Grimwood & Morton & Hanthorpe Volunteers

Providing food and community support

Tesco Supermarket, Management & Staff
Sainsbury's Supermarket, Management & Staff
M & S Food Hall Management & Staff

Making and distributing PPE to the wider community

Jane Richardson (Scrubs & Face Masks)
Felicity Rogan (Face Masks)

The Galletly and Hereward Medical Practices
NHS Doctors & Staff



Southend Lions



Club President Pam presenting Christmas gifts to Vicki (Manager) at Norton Place, Shoebury, and to Wendy (team Leader) at Autumn Cottage, Shoebury. These are for the residents in the nursing home, which are for adults with learning difficulties living in supported accommodation.



Lions Club of Littleport.



As COVID 19 put paid to the fundraising for the club and their planned Breakfast with Santa had to be cancelled, for the first time in 30 years, the club came up with an idea for the presents they had already bought. The club decided to donate the presents to organisations who could benefit and use the presents, so they contacted The Salvation Army in Chatteris, Littleport Foodbank, Timebank Littleport and Waitrose and donated the presents to them. With better news on the horizon, we will start planning our events for next year and hopefully Breakfast with Santa will happen again, although the venues may be different.



Clacton on Sea Lions Club

Many areas of the country were hit by the Governments Lockdown Restrictions announced in October. The very fact that families were unable to celebrate Christmas together, brought major concern as many vulnerable Grandparents could be left alone. The annual Rotary Christmas Day Meal had to be cancelled because it was a group event.

Clacton on Sea Lions Club in conjunction with the Clacton Veterans Breakfast Club, Frydays Community Café and Tendring District Council, Cllr Dan Land, set out a plan to supply a free 3 course hot meal on Christmas Day to those very people. The whole event was sponsored by Clacton on Sea Lions Club.

A total of 232 meals were delivered between 12.00 and 1,30pm, by an 'army' of 37 volunteer drivers, which included 12 Lion members and friends. With the meals, an additional Goody Bags was also distributed. These contained extra essential food items provided by Tesco's in Colchester and from other donations. along with a Lions MIB, Lions information leaflet and pen. Special thanks go to Liz and Jim Godden for organizing the event.



A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

MAY 2021 BE BETTER THAN ANY YEAR BEFORE FOR YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES.

MAKE A RESOLUTION NOW TO ENSURE THAT YOUR CLUB APPEARS AT LEAST ONCE IN THE MONTHLY NEWS DURING 2021. SHARE IDEAS, ASK FOR HELP, SELL USEABLE CLUB GEAR THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED, AND SEND IN LOTS OF PICTURES OF WHAT YOUR CLUB IS DOING.

STOP PRESS --- 105CE Convention 2021 --- STOP PRESS

As was inevitable, given the rapid spread of the new variant Coronavirus and the latest Government lockdown, all physical/social aspects of our Convention have had to be cancelled. As a result the District will hold the Business Meeting element of **our Convention via Zoom on Saturday 13th March 2021**. Further details relating to access, process and content will be made available once in place. 1st VDG Lion David has already contacted people who had booked for the Convention to arrange refunds or roll-over to 2022.

The Convention Committee and the District Strategic Planning Team (SPT) are hopeful that some elements of the social aspects of the Convention can be moved to later in the year when, Government regulations, the roll-out of the vaccine and a significant decline in Coronavirus cases allowing, it should be possible to hold such events. To that end I have provisionally booked Friday 9th and Saturday 10th July with the Hotel as dates were rapidly being filled by other organisations moving their events. Obviously, as yet, we have not planned anything in detail, but activities are likely to include workshops, a forum, incoming Officer training, an opportunity to socialise, the DG Handover etc. Should we be able to hold such an event, then all activities would, of course, be compliant with whatever Government regulations/advice are in place at the time.

If the possibility of getting together to re-energise and move forward together appeals, then please pencil 9th/10th July into your diaries.

Lion John
Convention Co-ordinator

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