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THE MESSAGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Joni and I are Lions, but we're parents, too. So it was very gratifying for us when we recently visited a primary school in Nairobi, Kenya, and watched as more than 300 lovely children received vision screenings. Joni and I then had the privilege of giving eyeglasses to the children that needed them. I'm not sure who was smiling more – the children or us. You can smile with pride, too, because the screenings were made possible by LCIF. And LCIF's remarkable service is made possible by Lions such as yourself.

I almost didn't want to tell about this project in Kenya. You may get the wrong idea about LCIF. Kenya is probably not anywhere near you. You may think, "Oh, yes, LCIF helps people far away from here, in undeveloped nations." I am proud that LCIF indeed helps people in dire need in impoverished places. Working through LCIF, Lions restore sight, protect people against measles and help disaster victims get back on their feet and so much more.

But our Foundation also helps millions of people in developed nations. It is active perhaps in your own community or a community near you. As just a few examples, LCIF recently awarded \$100,000 to Lions in Colorado to provide vision screening equipment to the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute,



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Please take a few minutes to read the full story about LCIF in this issue. If you have any doubts about the value of being a Lion or don't quite grasp the scope and reach of Lions' service, this story will swell your pride in being a Lion. One sure way to Strengthen the Pride is to better understand who we are and what we do. Now that's something to smile about.

Joe Preston

Joe Preston
Your Lions Clubs International President

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EDITORIAL

There is always something a little strange about this time in the Lions' Calendar. Especially, I would imagine, if you are a member of the Council of Governors...

So much to do, so many plans, and it seems to be only a few days since you were 'dubbed' at International Convention, returning to base in MD105 to deal with not only the challenges, happy and/or complex, of our own MD, but also with a whole other raft of International aspirations, some of them brand new projects introduced at International Convention, some long-standing core parts of our great International Association.



By this time the current Governors will have visited many, if not most, of the Clubs in their Districts, but so far from relaxing have come to that terrifying conclusion that there only three months or so to go before the colleagues who have been shadowing them for the past year take over the reins (the 'Goves-in-Waiting, as may be seen from the item below, have already chosen who is to be their Chairman).

Go back some time, and things used to be even more complex, with new projects being introduced annually. It was a sign of an Association in a hurry, but it was our great Past International President Bert Mason who recognised that this system was not very manageable, with chopping and changing going on virtually as good things were being born. For many of the projects we cherish today Bert introduced a more leisurely and considered methodology, spreading them over a minimum of three years of life, which has enabled so much to be achieved.

Lion Bert was 'my first International President' and I recall with great pleasure interviewing him at the end of his year of office, the crowning achievement at the conclusion of my first year of editing what was then known as the 'B & I Lion.

More of those days, in the next - and last - issue of LION on my watch.

• Margaret Kimberley, Editor

PDG Simon will lead the Team for 2015-16

The Lion who has been chosen as Chairman of their Council by the Governors-to-be who will care for Multiple District 105 during the next Lionistic year is PDG Simon Moss of Marston Green and District Lions Club in 105-M. He is married to Lion Christine, also a Marston Green Lion.



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One Way Every Lion Can Help Lions

Time is really flying by. We are already at the middle point of the Lion year. I am very proud of all that you have done and are doing. The foundational focus of my theme is Strengthen the Pride through Service, and you have responded! You are reporting a record number of service activities.

Thank you for embracing the "ASK 1" concept where every Lion has been challenged to ask at least one person to join our Association. In most places we are Chartering bigger and more Clubs. We are trending well in membership growth, and by all indications we are doing a better job of identifying and developing leaders. We have also launched tools to help every Club increase its effectiveness. But there is one major area of global concern: the number of dropped members.

There is little use in recruiting new members if we let our existing members slip out the back door. In hindsight, I



wish that I had put more emphasis on retention. Rather than living with regrets, I decided to do something about it. We have launched "Keep 1"—a simple concept to drive home the importance of keeping each and every one of our members actively involved.

Very few Lions will ever be involved with Chartering a Club, and for many of our members asking someone to join is very hard. But every Lion in some way can help keep our members actively involved. It is important to welcome our members, value them, train them, encourage them, mentor them and more. There is an old saying: "People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care." To reach our full potential, we have to give more effort in keeping our members.

As your President, I have vowed to do all that I can to Strengthen the Pride. I know that I cannot do it alone, but together WE CAN.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Preston".

Joe Preston
Your Lions Clubs International President



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Hope Springs from Grief

AUSTRALIA – Glen Hurst lost his father to diabetes and his mother is a diabetic. So he attached a boat to his Harley and sped off on a 15,000-mile, 80-day trip around Australia to raise funds for diabetes research. After wearing out three sets of tires, visiting 230 Lions clubs and attending 168 sausage sizzles, he triumphantly rode his bike straight inside a district convention hall where Lions applauded wildly. Hurst succeeded in raising \$50,000 (US\$44,000) and elevated awareness of the disease and Lions thanks to the Lions logos and diabetes signs on the bike and boat.

"The ride itself was not bad. Long rides can be challenging, but the bikes are extremely comfortable," says Hurst, a computer technician specializing in solar energy. Hurst knew the motorcycle-boat combination would draw attention. After his brother died, he drove a Gold Wing motorcycle, his brother's favorite bike, to tow a boat to deliver his remains home. (His brother was cremated. His remains were stored in the motorcycle, and the boat was filled with camping gear.) Hurst's journey drew lots of stares and inquiries.

Hurst's diabetes ride was to take 60 days. Then it expanded to 79 days as more Lions clubs became interested. He added one more day to parallel the movie "Around the World in 80 Days."

Hurst's Albany Lions Club sponsored the Hope in a Boat ride, and hundreds of clubs helped raised funds or provided accommodations. Accompanying him on the ride were three Lions: his wife, Marina Rurenga, and mates Guy Cook and Raymond Cowcill.

The featured speaker at each club he visited, Hurst became polished and self-assured. One club he visited happened to be also hosting a speaking contest. "No pressure, right? But they told me if they were scoring me I would have won," says Hurst.



• Hurst rode his bike 15,000 miles to raise funds for diabetes research



Resolutions for Convention

At the time of going to press the following Resolutions have been received for consideration at the 2015 Multiple District Convention, to be held on 9-10 May at the Birmingham Hilton Metropole Hotel.

Lions have already been advised that Amendments to the Resolutions will be accepted by the Appointed Officer, PCC Lion John Goodchild to arrive on or before Friday 13 March.

1. That the Multiple District Capital Levy for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 shall be £28.50 per Lion, payable in two equal instalments, the first in August 2015 and the second in February 2016

The Budget is based on a membership of 15,500

2. A proposal to amend the Multiple District Constitution concerning the appointment of a Council Chairman (Elect). Proposed by the Council of Governors, this Resolution will require a two-thirds majority of those delegates present at the Convention who exercise their right to vote. This proposal, if carried, will give a full year in which the Vice Governors can form a team and bond with their Chairman, thus leading to greater cohesion at the start of their year as a Council. (The current arrangement is for the 'Governors in waiting' to elect their Chairman at the January meeting of the Council of Governors).
3. Again proposed by the Council of Governors, this Resolution is a proposal to amend the Multiple District Constitution to limit the terms of office of the Council Secretary and the Council Treasurer to no more than five consecutive years. (Being a change to the MD Constitution, this Resolution requires a two-thirds majority as above).
4. A proposal to give Council time to implement the Constitutional Requirements of Resolution 3 above (if passed). This sets out a time scale by which the constitutional amendments detailed in Resolution 3 shall be adhered to. The Resolution will require a simple 50 per cent plus one majority of those delegates defined above.

5. A Proposal by the Council of Governors to amend the Multiple District Constitution regarding the post of Council Chairman. The Explanatory Note points out that currently the Multiple District Constitution does not set out the powers and duties of the Council Chairman. In the past these have not been prescribed by Lions Clubs International, but, at the Toronto International Convention, changes to the LCI Constitution were approved to rectify this situation. The Resolution, if passed by Convention, will bring the MD105 Constitution in line with the revised requirements of LCI. (As above, to be enacted this Resolution will require a two-thirds majority)
6. A proposal by the Council of Governors to amend Convention Standing Orders to permit Resolutions and Amendments to be displayed on screen. The narrative explains that for several years successive Councils of Governors have taken a decision to this effect; this Resolution will obviate the need for Council to take this decision every year. This Resolution will require a simple (50 per cent plus 1) majority of delegates as outlined above.
7. The Council of Governors is asking delegates to place a Resolution before the European Council at Europa Forum 2015 as follows: *"The European Council resolves to approve all the revised Rules, Procedures, Financial Arrangements etc., relating to the Young Ambassador of the 21st Century Award, which have been collated into one single document, for future use."*
8. The Lions Club of Rottingdean & Saltdean, seconded by the Lions Club of Lewes, are asking Convention to request Lions Clubs International to investigate and adopt a workable process by which those Clubs eligible to vote but unable to be represented at Convention can register their votes in absentia. The Lions of these Clubs make the point that Conventions are an important part of the Lion's calendar and decisions made on the Resolutions can have a large impact on how our organisation operates. Travelling long distances can put attending Conventions out of the question for many Lions. The proposing Clubs make the point that in the UK political arena electors can register for postal voting, and they feel that 'adopting this Resolution will bring us in line and up to date with current electoral practice'. To be passed this Resolution will require a simple (50 per cent plus one) vote.

Quizzing with the Black Mountains Lions

Once again the Black Mountains Lions Annual Schools Quiz was a huge success. A team of four from each of the local junior schools, Clyro, Clifford, Llyswn, Bronllys, Hay-on-Wye, Talgarth and Llangorse took part. Quiz questions covered a wide variety of subjects, some of which even had the staff thinking!

The winning team from Clyro now hold the trophy until next year, and each member of the team received a £20 book token, with a £300 cheque for the school. Well done Aleks Sheppard, Ellie Platt, Joseph Cooley and Eli Williams-Sweet. Second was Clifford with each team member winning a £10 book token, with £200 for the school, and third was Llyswn with £10 book token each and £100 for the school.

For taking part all the remaining team members were given £10 book tokens. Congratulations to everyone taking part and thanks to their staff for supporting them. Our thanks also go to Gwernyfed school for hosting the event.

We are all looking forward to next year!



YOUR ADDRESS? ARE YOU ON THE MOVE?

If you are moving or changing your contact details this should be reported not to MD Headquarters, but to your Club Secretary who is tasked with the responsibility of updating the records on MYLCI.



Welcome Sao Tome and Principe

Lions Clubs International has become bigger by adding one of the world's smallest nations.

Sao Tome and Principe became LCI's 210th country or geographic territory when the Sao Tome Porcelena Lions Club was Chartered recently. The Portuguese-speaking island nation is located off the western coast of Central Africa, and, with a population of 187,000, is the second smallest African national after the Seychelles.

Ironbridge Lions Kept Busy!

1. Santa delighted the children at weekend Christmas lights switch-on events.

Santa Claus and his Elf had a busy day in Madeley when they visited the town's annual Christmas event before going on to the Christmas lights switch-on in Ironbridge. Dozens of youngsters were guided into Santa's Grotto in Madeley Library by members of Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions who were on hand to help at both events.

Rushed off his feet, Santa then went on to Ironbridge where he delighted a long line of children who had gathered to see him appear at the window of the Tontine Hotel before meeting many of them in person in his mobile grotto.

Ironbridge Lions President Colin Thompson said later: "Santa told me most of the little girls he spoke to wanted Disney Frozen ice skating dolls, whilst favourite with the boys was Transformers Chomp and Stomp Grimlock. But his heart really melted when one little girl just asked for a chocolate orange."



2. Lions Christmas concert raised £600 for brain injury victims

An annual Christmas concert held in Wellington has raised £600 for the brain injury charity, Headway. The concert, organised by Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions and dedicated to Sam Monk, a former member of the Club who organised the concert for many years and died following an operation for a brain tumour in 2013, was held at Wellington Methodist Church.

TADLOP, The Gallery Singers and Wellington Brass Band performed free of charge and Ironbridge Lions provided refreshments, all of which helped to once again keep down ticket prices for those who attended.

Principal organiser, Lion June Softley, said:

"A great deal of hard work goes into the staging of our annual Christmas charity concert but this year was especially worth the effort as eight Headway clients were clearly delighted to be able to attend with their carers and one of them even managed a vote of thanks. The icing on the cake though was when one of them won the first prize of a hamper in the raffle. Such was the enjoyment that the evening concluded with the audience joining in with the performers."



Lions help Home-Start boxes

Boxes with games and other goods to help families over Christmas and New Year were handed over by Home-Start Morecambe and Lancaster following a £300 donation by Lancaster and Morecambe Lions Club.

Senior-coordinator at Home-Start, Morecambe and Lancaster, Joanne Knowles said: "Home-Start helps families with young children deal with whatever life throws at them. We support parents as they learn to cope, improve their confidence and build better lives for their children. The benefits of our support include improved health and wellbeing and better family relationships. The goods bought with the Lions' donation have made a big difference to the families we are helping especially in making this Christmas and New Year a little special."

President of Lancaster and Morecambe Lions Club, Ivan Huff, visited Home-Start along with representatives of other local organisations linked with the charity.

He said: "We believe strongly in supporting organisations like Home-Start that help people and families going through difficult times to help themselves. Here we were helping families with young children so this was very much an investment not only in the present, but very much in the future of our community as these children grow up to eventually have their own families."



- Home-Start Lancaster and Morecambe invited representatives of organisations supporting them to a coffee morning at their Morecambe headquarters.

Pictured were (front): Joanne Knowles and Su Robinson of Home-Start with Lion Mike Kaliszczak. Back: Elaine Wilson of CAB, Lions President Ivan Huff, Glenn Dreissons whose family have been helped by Home-Start; Jane Kaliszczak and Angela Bowe, Home-Start volunteers; Jacqui Fisher and Sheila Dowbiggin of Poulton Childrens' Centre.

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Premiere of First Centennial Video



The first Centennial video, a five minute story on the founding of Lions Clubs International, is part of the latest LQ, the Lions Quarterly video magazine. It explains how and why Lions began in 1917, and why 'Lions' was chosen as a name. It describes founder Melvin Jones and Chicago Central Lions Club, the first Club. Subsequent videos, to be released from time to time, will focus on other themes of our Association.

Take a Walk... So Lion

In July 2014 a group of Oxfordshire Lions visited Maggie's Centre at the Churchill hospital, Oxford, after donating £2400 towards the cost of a day's operation of a new facility that had replaced an older one. The Churchill hospital is a specialist cancer hospital covering a wide area and Maggie's has 17 Centres at major NHS cancer hospitals in the UK. Maggie's was founded in 1996 and was the idea of a former cancer patient to strengthen the physical and emotional wellbeing of people with cancer and their families and friends. After spending the day at Maggie's and hearing of the work of the centre Lion Ron Skinner, of Abingdon Lions Club, decided that he would raise money in support of the facility and go on a walk – in the Himalayas!

Ron flew out to Kuala Lumpur with a friend on October 12 for two weeks of acclimatisation and then on to Kathmandu, Nepal, to join a team of 11 seasoned mountaineers – he was the only inexperienced one in the group and at the age of 68 was certainly no spring chicken! The team left Kathmandu on October 31 for a seven-hour bus journey along a narrow mountain road for a night at Nuwakot (2720 m) overlooking a fertile valley and a meandering river. The following day saw a further breath-taking bus ride with sheer cliffs, scree and loose boulders to Syabru Besi (1460 m) the gateway to the Langtang trail. Early the next morning the team set off on the



trek to the Lama Hotel (2420 m) through pine forests and woodland and, after crossing a moraine, the beautiful snow-capped mountains of Langtang Lirung came into view. This stretch was supposed to take seven hours but it took Ron, and Francis who had a blister on his foot, 12 hours, resulting in Ron being carried into the teahouse as he was so tired.

The next stretch was to Langtang (3430 m) walking through a forested region followed by ascending into a valley. Here, Ron was getting visibly tired with a dodgy stomach and, as Francis said:

"Anyone else would have thrown in the towel and headed back to Kathmandu but not Ron. It was the human spirit and the stubborn streak in him that made him walk on". On the fifth day the team set off for Kyanjin Gompa (3850 m) an easier trail and the most scenic as they had left the temperate forest and were now in the alpine region. River beds were covered in ice with the thinner air making breathing more laboured while the trail was crowded with foreign trekkers from a number of countries. This stretch offered views of snow-capped mountains and awesome scenery all round. First thoughts were to spend two days at Kyanjin Gompa to acclimatise but Ron had come down with altitude sickness.

After a good night's sleep the trek to Bamboo meant steep descents, moraines and scree with boulders near waterfalls and Ron was visibly



CONTINUED OPPOSITE >>

Ron Did!

>> fatigued by the uphill-downhill trail. The overnight stay was memorable for the incredibly bad food and the wretched toilet facilities of the accommodation provided. In comparison, the next night's stay at a teahouse in Thulo Syabru (2130 m) found hot water and showers! The following day saw a pleasant walk for part of the journey but started to climb after two hours and, after a brief stop at a teahouse for refreshments, the trail continued on to Sind Gompa reached in the early afternoon.

On the 10th day the destination was Laurebina (3901 m) and the trek was short with quite steep and narrow ascents and descents as the path wound along the sides of the mountains. The goal was reached in the early afternoon. The whole of Laurebina was surrounded by snow-capped mountains and the Annapurna range was clearly visible although 200 kilometres away. Next day saw a steep ascent following a rugged path all the way to Gosaikunda with the Tibetan peaks to the west and, beyond the peaks, China. About a dozen lakes form the Gosaikundg Basin and the area is considered sacred to both Hindus and Buddhists. The total walking time this day was about six hours for an ascent of

500m following the usual uphill and downhill – and more uphill and downhill!

Crossing the Laurebina Pass was really difficult with the trail covered in ice or frost that made walking slow and laborious and after the Pass it took almost eight hours to make the descent to Phedi. It was suggested that Ron should stay the night here and make his way to Ghopte (3430 m) early the next morning. Accompanied by Francis, the pair made a nightmare descent with steep-sided ridges, huge boulders, slippery pathways and rocks near waterfalls, with the time taken significantly longer than all the previous ones. From Ghopte the next stop was Tharepati (3500 m) followed the next day by a continuous steep descent of some four hours out of the days hike of seven hours to Khutumsang (2470 m). The next morning Ron and two others started early for Chisopani being the longest continuous steep ascent/descent of the trip. A detour was made to the sign-posted village of Chipling where, luckily there was a bus leaving for Kathmandu from another local town an hour away.

After reaching Kathmandu on 15 November, Ron was joined the following day by the rest of the group and left for home the next day. With the success of his 'walk' his target of £1000 was achieved, with £1550 subscribed for Maggies – 'an ordinary person doing amazing things' and Abingdon Lions are very proud of our Ron..

(Details of the journey were taken from the daily diary of Francis Liw, a friend of Ron's).

Lions drop in for a £250 tea date

Thirsty Lancaster and Morecambe Lions Club President Ivan Huff and Treasurer, Mike Kaliszczak, dropped in on Lancaster and District Homeless Action Service centre in Edward Street, Lancaster for a cup of tea and to hand over a cheque for £250 to LDHAS centre manager, Gary Welsh.

The money was raised by Lancaster and Morecambe Lions Club at their December collection in ASDA and was in addition to foodstuffs collected for LDHAS at the same time.

Said Club President, Ivan, "Our Club has close links with LDHAS and we help whenever we can throughout the year. We believe that apart from helping those less fortunate than ourselves, supporting LDHAS and its work is also of real benefit to our community.

"For many years I was a police officer and know only too well how easily people can run into the sort of problems seen at LDHAS, often through no fault of their own, and also how a little help and support can often make a huge difference to their lives. Even just a welcoming face and a good cup of tea helps!"

Centre manager, Gary added: "We rely heavily on donations and support from organisations such as Lions and from individuals with all help being more than welcome.



• **Brew time at Lancaster and District Homeless Action Service (LDHAS) as Lancaster and Morecambe Lions Club President, Ivan Huff, hands over the cheque to LDHAS centre manager, Gary Welsh. Joining them is Lions Club Treasurer, Mike Kaliszczak.**

"We work with people from many varied backgrounds where circumstance has led them to be sleeping rough, or struggling to manage their own accommodation. The service is committed to helping people find accommodation and learn the life skills essential for independent living and provide help and support to engage with the job market."

Santa, You're Nicked!



North Wales Police had Operation Santa in force over the Christmas period. This involved their higher presence than usual on the High Streets to deter shoplifting. My Club was at Asda in Llangefni when Chief Inspector Bratherton called and asked if Santa approved of their project. The photograph shows the Chief Inspector thanking Santa for his approval and reminding him not to partake in too much sherry while driving his reindeers.

The photograph was posted on North Wales Police Facebook and Twitter with the heading "The Main Man Approves of Operation Santa". The Club agreed to help with any such projects in the future.

Footnote:

* Lion Gwilym Pritchard writes: It has been many years since our Club has felt it worthwhile to share something with our fellow members. The last time was when one of our members was among the first to be rescued when the Los Cristianos (Tenerife) Lifeboat was launched for the first time. This was bought by the Los Cristianos Lions Club, their mother Club was the now defunct Porthmadog Club. I was there when it happened and took a photograph of Lion Les on the Lifeboat.

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Supporting Sophie

The Isle of Man Lions helped



We all expect that our children will live long, healthy and happy lives; it is the instinct of parents to want the best for them and to do all that they can to make this happen. So when Ali and Andy Birtles' daughter, Sophie, was diagnosed at the age of eight with the life-limiting illness - Juvenile Sandhoff Disease - they entered a new and frightening world where they are forced to watch as Sophie suffers and loses her dependency, when developmental milestones are being lost one by one and even her personality enveloped by the encroaching illness. All Sophie's family and friends can do is care for her and make life as comfortable and stimulating as possible, enjoying the time they have together within her limitations and to give her happy memories.

Since diagnosis, Sophie has lost her ability to walk, has intellectual impairment and progressive speech problems. This is when it was suggested that Sophie be put forward to have a trial for the Eye-Gaze System to help with communication. Graham Innes, from the manufacturers Smartbox, came to the Island and found that Sophie was able to operate the Eye-Gaze System with no problems. He then made the recommendation that Sophie would be suitable for the system and suggested that it would help her immensely – but the dilemma was funding as the Eye-Gaze

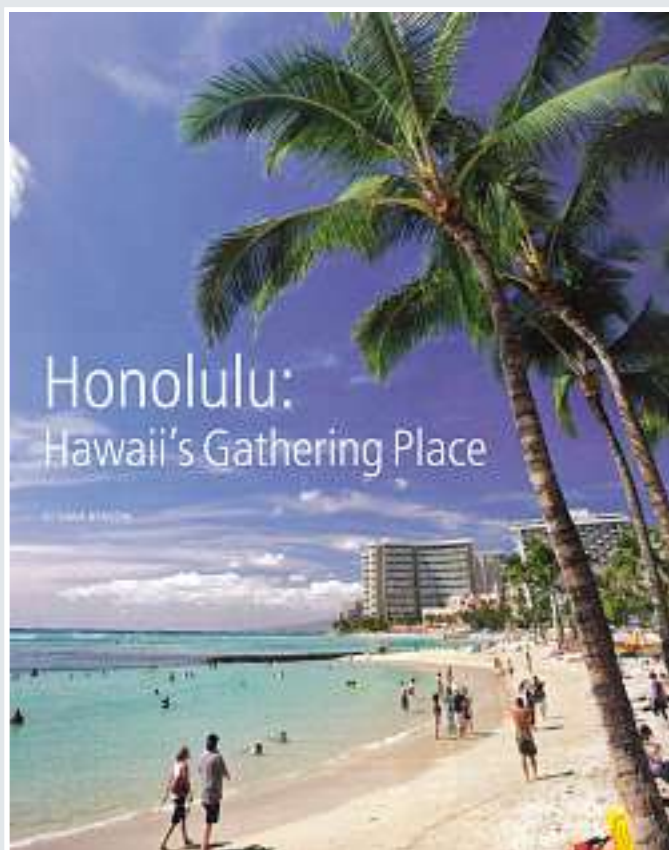
System is an expensive piece of equipment.

Kate Kirk is Psychodrama Psychotherapist on the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service who is responsible for paediatric liaison. This is the overlap between physical illness and the emotional consequences. She was working with Sophie and got to thinking about Sophie's struggles with communicating. She approached the Isle of Man Lions Club through their Manx Children in Need Fund, and The Manx Lottery Trust, who were more than happy to help with funding and both organisations readily acknowledge the vital role that Dr Kirk has played in recognising the significance this system will make to Sophie's quality of life. Mention must also be made of the valuable assistance given by Sue Marriottt who, through the Campion Trust, helped in speeding up the process of payment for the equipment.

It is early days yet, but Sophie is now using the equipment on a daily basis and it is proving to be life-changing for her. This amazing system can be modified for use in the future for youngsters in a similar situation, so continuing the successful programme begun with Sophie.

The Birtles family is truly grateful for the funding of this system as is Jon Roe, Unit Manager at Bemahague School, who said that Sophie now has a real chance of being able to communicate more easily with others and alleviate some of the significant frustration that she feels at times.

“Slow Down — This Ain’t Da Mainland”!



That good advice is a popular bumper sticker piece of advice for visitors from more stressed out areas of the world who will be arriving at the 98th International Convention of Lions which will be held in this idyllic and laid back venue from June 26 to June 30.

There is a more formal salutation,, "Welina mai kakou!" which Hawaiians use when warmly greeting friends. And from the sound of things it does not take much effort for visitors to make friends with the locals when they arrive for Convention - welcome is in the air.

The five days will feature renowned speakers, first class entertainers, local music, dance and food, and, of course, the full range of Lions' Convention traditions such as the Grand Parade, the swearing in of the International President for 2015-2016, and that wonderful feeling of solidarity between Lions, no matter where they originate from.

Keynote Speaker at the first Plenary Session will be Tim Shriver,

Chairman of Special Olympics (see also page 33), and 'soft rock' star Kenny Loggins headlines the International Show, along with a raft of other first rate entertainers. (Conveniently the International Show, the Plenary Sessions, the Exhibit Booths and Convention Seminars will all take place at the Hawaii Convention Center (HCC).

Each of the Plenary Sessions will feature entertainment, including a lavish 'Lion King' production in the first, a Hawaiian Show in the second and the third beginning with an exuberant disco dance party.

As well as fun, the Plenaries are the 'meat and potatoes' of the Convention plate. In his farewell speech International President Joe Preston will tell Lions of where the Association stands, and incoming International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada of Japan, in his inaugural address, will let Lions know where we are headed. The Plenaries also provide Lions with a comprehensive overview of our international service projects. In the second Plenary, LCIF Chairman Past International President Barry Palmer of Australia will detail the success of our Foundation in tackling worldwide maladies.

As a natural setting Hawaii can't be topped; from the soaring cliffs of the Napali Coast on Kauai to the fiery glow of Kilauea Crater on the slopes of Mauna Loa, it's non-stop beauty. But the HCC is a worthy counterpart for the outdoor charms, with its tinkling waterfalls, serene fishponds and attractive courtyards (Lions are encouraged to blend in, with Hawaiian shirts!)

A wide variety of appealing tours are also on the menu and, having travelled so far to this remote and delightful state of America, visitors would be well advised to take advantage of at least some of them.

The fast approaching Lions Centennial will be part and parcel of this, the 98th Convention. Expect Hawaii to meet or exceed expectations at this 2015 Convention, a big party, a pinnacle of fun and fellowship and a gathering of Lions like no other.



• **Tim Shriver, Chairman of Special Olympics, will be the Keynote Speaker at the first Plenary Session.**



• **Soft Rock star Kenny Loggins headlines the International Show**

Irish Lions Confront Bullying

Specially commissioned information leaflets about bullying and cyber-bullying are to be distributed to all houses throughout the country where there are school-going children of a vulnerable age, thanks to an initiative by the Lions of Ireland. Launched in February, this major campaign will involve Lions working with School Managers and Principals to distribute the leaflets effectively – 42,000 have already been distributed by 28 Lions Clubs during the pilot stage of the project.

Says Past District Governor Pat Connolly, the 105-I District Suicide Prevention and Anti-Bullying Officer: "School Principals have been very positive about the initiative and have given the project their full support. The leaflet contains vital information for parents including advice about identifying bullying problems, dealing effectively with a bullying issue and information on public policy in relation to bullying. A special section deals with the critical issue of cyber-bullying."

Lion Pat also acknowledged the input of retired teacher Sean Fallon of the Bullying Campaign and a psychologist, in the compilation of the text.

Speaking at the launch of the campaign, Senator Lorraine Higgins said: "This leaflet is a 'Must Read' for those concerned about childhood and teen bullying, but it is of particular use to parents. The leaflet outlines how to spot the signs of bullying and how to tackle the problem. In addition it provides a wealth of details on the support available"

District Governor Pat O'Brien in welcoming the campaign, said: "Bullying, and particularly cyber-bullying, has become a major issue in our society, and many parents are unaware of how to recognise bullying and how to respond. This Lions campaign is designed provide all parents with the information they need".



• **Top:** Lion Pat Connolly with Micheál Martin, TD, an Irish politician who has been leader of the Fianna Fail party since 2011, and is leader of the Opposition, and District Governor Pat.

• **Middle:** District Governor Pat with Senator Lorraine Higgins and PDG Pat Connolly, the District Suicide Prevention and Anti-Bullying Officer

• **Left:** A group of Irish TDs (Members of Parliament) who attended the launch

£30,000 for Charities

Almost £30,000 was donated to local charities and other good causes by Windsor Lions at its Awards Presentation evening held at The Guildhall, Windsor. Local groups, supported by family and friends, from all over the Windsor area crowded into the splendid Guildhall to attend the drinks reception followed by the awards presentation.

All the money was raised by Windsor Lions through its annual Swimarathon, last year held in October, and the 2014 Cross Country Horseride, the Club's major fundraiser of the year. The recipients were swimmers and riders as well as the charities nominated by Windsor Lions to receive donations. These included the Riding for the Disabled Association, Windsor Mencap, SportsAble and Thames Valley Adventure Playground as well as Blue Acre Stables amongst others.

Trophies and Cups were presented by the Mayor of Windsor & Maidenhead Councillor Richard Kellaway, accompanied by The

Mayoress, to those participants who had excelled - among them Jayne Hegley for the rider raising the most sponsorship and Angela Miles, the best dressed over 16 years. But the top prize for the evening, the President's Cup, went to Mason Archer of Team Archer who raised a staggering £5300 in the Swimarathon.

Lion President Richard Vaughan commented: 'Our Awards Presentation evening went really well and we were delighted to host so many guests and to give away so much money to local charities and other needy causes. Both the Swimarathon and the Cross Country Horseride last year raised substantial sums of money, the majority of which we were able to give away, making so much difference to the local community'.

Dates for this year's events: The Swimarathon 17 May and the Cross Country Horseride 12 and 13 September.

For further information please contact: Lion John Jenkins, PR Director. Tel: 0118 903 4076; Mob: 07976 297835. Email: john.jenkins999@btinternet.com



• **Left Picture from Left to right: Lion Mike Sells, Event Organiser Swimarathon, Lions President Richard Vaughan, The Mayoress, Mary-Lou Kellaway, Mayor Cllr Richard Kellaway, Lion Mark Fraser, Event Organiser Cross Country Horseride and Lion Harry Purchase, MC for the evening**



• **President Cup winner Mason Archer with Lion President Richard Vaughan**



• **Representatives of Windsor Brownies receiving their cheque from Lion Mike Sells and Lion President Richard Vaughan**

Applications are invited

Each year at this time the Council of Governors seeks applications from suitably qualified Lions to fill Multiple District posts. This year Officers who have not served the full term allowed by the Constitution, and who have performed their duties satisfactorily, have been invited to continue in office, a process agreed by the current and incoming Council of Governors.

Council of Governors invites applications for the following positions from suitably qualified Lions. Lions with experience as District Officers for the specific posts are encouraged to apply. Lions with experience covering International programmes are encouraged to apply for the Portfolio Co-ordinator's role.

THE POSITIONS AVAILABLE ARE:-

- **Constitutions, Nominations and Resolutions Officer**
- **Health & Safety Officer**
- **Diabetes Officer**
- **Message in a Bottle Officer**
- **Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action Officer**
- **Environmental Affairs Officer**
- **Information Technology Officer**
- **International Portfolio Co-ordinator**
- **International Convention Committee 1st year member**
- **International Relations Officer**
- **Leo Clubs Co-ordinator**
- **Life Skills Officer**

The closing date for applications is 31st March 2015. Application forms and Guidelines and Responsibilities for each post can be obtained from MDHQ mdhq@lionsclubs.co or 0121 441 4544. Completed Applications should be returned to Council Secretary at secretary@lionsclubs.co

MDO Posts for immediate Appointment

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Lions for the posts shown below:

Sponsorship Officer

This is a new post which will be part of the Membership and Communications Portfolio. The appointee will be expected to:-

- To act as the specialist adviser on all matters relating to Sponsorship/Grant Sourcing to Council of Governors.
- To work with PR and Marketing Team to develop materials to enable MDO or Districts to present to possible sources of funding

Special Olympics Great Britain Partnership Officer

Council wishes to appoint an Officer to work with Special Olympics Great Britain, with whom the MD signed a new partnership agreement in November 2014. The Post holder will be responsible for relations with SOGB and promoting the partnership within the MD to District Officers

Sergeant at Arms & Convention Officer

Council wish to appoint an Officer with effect from 1st July 2015. In order to ensure a smooth handover the appointee will shadow the current MD Officer at the May Council meeting and in the preparation for the MD Convention 2015

Council is anxious to fill the positions as soon as practicable.

Full details of Guidelines and Responsibilities along with Application forms for both positions can be obtained from **MDHQ**, mdhq@lionsclubs.co

Completed applications should be sent direct to Council Secretary Lion Andy Pemberton at the following e-mail address secretary@lionsclubs.co

The closing date for these applications is Monday 16th March 2015.

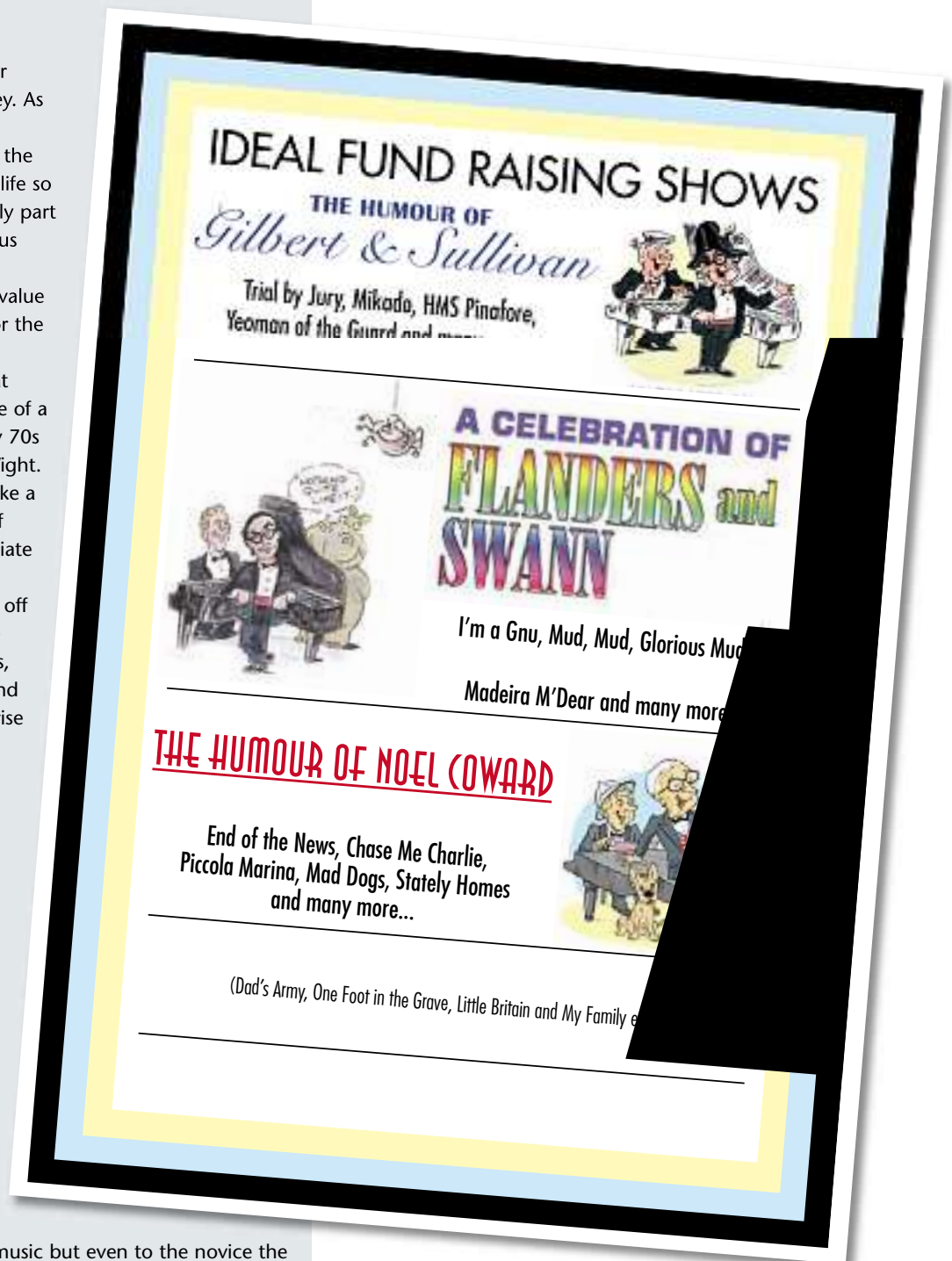
A Great Show!

I'm always on the lookout for different ways to raise money. As fellow Lions will no doubt understand we have to ring the changes in our fund raising life so the public continue to readily part with their cash for our various charitable activities. However it is essential that they also get good value too, be it in quality or quantity for the goods or services provided.

I spotted an advert in LION that caught my eye. It was a caricature of a comic I saw as a child in the early 70s on Sandown Pier on the Isle of Wight. The advert was for what looked like a concert entitled "A Celebration of Flanders and Swann". My immediate thought was that it must be a mistake as the date had been left off as to when the concert was to be held! Taking the bull by the horns, or rather the telephone in my hand I dialled the number. To my surprise and delight Gordon Peters answered the phone and as we chatted I realised the advert I'd seen was not for a single concert but the opportunity for Lions Clubs to run the event as a fund raiser.

I put the idea to my Lions Club and after a little persuasion they agreed to let me get on with it! (in true Lions style). The result was a magnificent concert featuring Gordon Peters and David Carter. Nearly 200 people filled a local school hall, we put on a bar, customary raffle and sat back to be entertained. It was a great event if you knew Flanders & Swann's music but even to the novice the whole evening went off in style. From both an enjoyment and fund raising point of view we had a very successful evening. What I can't understand is that COGS were the only Lions Club to respond to the advert. Not only did we obtain an advantageous rate for the show by being Lions but also a percentage from the merchandise sales as well.

If any Club is considering putting on a concert I can certainly recommend this one.



They have added three more shows. HUMOUR OF NOEL COWARD...HUMOUR OF GILBERT & SULLIVAN.....COMEDY TONITE

Lion John Quincey
Publicity Officer
Caterham Oxted and Godstone (COGS)

£12,000 for the EllenorLions Hospice

The EllenorLions Hospice benefitted from a bumper £12,000 boost to its funds when Swanley & North Downs Lions handed over a cheque to Claire Cardy, the Hospice Chief Executive.

This fine donation was the accumulated profit from several events run by the Club, which included Easter Egg raffles, a Quiz Night, a Golf Day, 'Bike Around Brands' (final amount raised was still to come in at the time of going to press), not to mention the Club's annual sponsored walk last May. As the Club puts it: "The Lions' share of our fund-raising!"

Further donations are planned later, and, as Club President Lion Colin Dudley said: "We would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of the events which made the donation possible."



• Left to right: Past President Lion John Hickmott, Club Secretary Colin McRobert, Chief Executive Claire Cardy, and Mo Tutty, Chairman of the Trustees of EllenorLions Hospice.

Stephanie will be a 'Face of the Globe'

Stephanie, who is just 10, and lives in Deal, is off for the experience of a life when she travels to Disneyland Paris to compete in the 'Face of the Globe' event. She will be accompanied by her grandmother Julia Meager, who told Deal and Walmer Lions about Stephanie's achievement. The Club became Stephanie's major sponsors, and grandma Julia was delighted and grateful to accept a cheque for £600 from Lion President Alan Hodges.

For more information log on to Face of the Globe.



**105-A
WINNER**

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Peace Poster...

The Multiple District 105 entries for the 2014 Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Competition were considered by a panel of judges at MD Headquarters in December and 13 year old Jessica Rizova sponsored by Hemel Hempstead Lions Club was judged to be the winner.

Jessica's winning poster will be entered in the International judging at Oak Brook and Jessica and her family have been invited to the Palace of Westminster for UN Day where Jessica will be awarded her prize for winning.

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105-BN	Leyland & Cuerden Valley
105-BS	Middle Marches
105-C	Boroughbridge 98 - 2nd Place
105-D	Ringwood & Fordingbridge
105-E	Matlock Derwent Valley
105-EA	South Woodham Ferrers
105-I	Galway
105-M	Balsall Common - 3rd Place
105-NE	Tynedale
105-SE	Whitstable & Herne Bay
105-SW	Minehead
105-W	Ross on Wye



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Finalists and Winner of the 2014/2015 Peace Poster Competition



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Blind, Sighted Students Bond Over a Book



• **Hatice Celik, a blind teacher, meets a student at Private Evrim School**

TURKEY—A classic children's book and its famous author helped bridge the gap between students at a school for the blind and students at a secondary school. The day of friendship, literacy and learning also was made possible by Lions, a Lion-led foundation for the blind and industrious parents who logged long hours creating an audio version of the book.

Students from Private Evrim School and Veysel School for the Blind, both in Istanbul, spent an upbeat day getting to know one another, chatting about common interests and then trading

insights on "Fadis," which the former read and the latter listened to, thanks to a CD recorded by parents of the secondary school students. They also discussed the book with its author, Gülten Dayioğlu.

Students from both schools gained from the social interaction with one another. "For the Private Evrim students it was their first encounter with blind children of their own age. They saw that seeing is not everything in life—you have other senses. They learned to accept and respect diversity," says International Director Oya Sebük, involved in the project. "The blind students were very excited by the visit of the [sighted] students. They were in some way honored to be approached in such a friendly way."

Sebük, president of the Six Dots Foundation, arranged for "Fadis" to be recorded at the foundation's recording library. Istanbul Ulus Lions established the library in honor of Charter Member Perihan E. Minkari, Sebük's late mother.

Lale Dorusk of the Istanbul Ulus Club, an English teacher at Private Evrim, initiated the RAP (Reading Action Program) project both to promote literacy and to break down barriers that separate the blind and sighted peers. Her partner in the project was Hatice Celik, a blind teacher at Veysel Vardal.

"Fadis" is about the turbulent home life of a girl. Students from both schools had the same urgent question for Dayioğlu: why her book had no resolution. The writer was unfazed: why don't you write one? So students individually at both schools are writing a resolution to the book, and Dayioğlu will select a winner. Meanwhile, the author, inspired by her day with the Veysel Vardal students, is writing her next book on a high-achieving blind child.



Cerebral Palsy World Games...

A reminder that these Games are to be held in Nottingham from August 6 to 16. This is a great opportunity for the Lions of MD105 to show that we care and are willing to serve. Volunteers are needed to help out, not necessarily for the full period.

For details contact Lion John Kyte at: lionjohnkyte@btinternet.com



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Mandy Broadbent

Member of the Lions PR/Marketing Team

"We just wouldn't be able to fulfil our appeal in Kent and Sussex without the help of our local Lions clubs, and it's great to have their continued support. They are always a pleasure to work with and we look forward to making the Great Daffodil Appeal 2015 a huge success!"

Natasha Evans

Community Fundraiser



Good luck, Lions!

Thank you to all Lions Clubs collecting for Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal this March. Your support will help us provide free hands-on care for terminally ill people in your community. Good luck with your collection!

Visit: mariecurie.org.uk/lions

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Winter Warmth from Liverpool Lions

When District Governor Barry Collins reported that British Airways had donated sleeping bags used by the crews, warm hearted City of Liverpool Lions lost no time in applying for a supply of them. Having obtained 25 sleeping bags it was then a quest to locate where they would be of most benefit. Lion Joan Elliott spoke with Lion Gary Millar, former Lord Mayor of Liverpool, and asked if he could recommend a charity where they would be of good use. He suggested The Whitechapel Centre (<http://www.whitechapelcentre.co.uk/>) which is the leading homeless and housing charity for the Liverpool region. The Centre works with people who are sleeping rough, living in hostels, or struggling to manage their accommodation.

Lion Gary said "The lovely warm sleeping bag blankets donated by City of Liverpool Lions and British Airways were very much appreciated by The Whitechapel Centre. With the cold weather at this time of the year, the sleeping bags will be an added benefit for people who are using the Centre."

Further information from: Lion Joan Elliott, City of Liverpool Lions Club. Email: lionjoanelliott@googlemail.com

- **Pictured left to right: Sleeping bags formerly used by British Airways' flight crews have helped bring some warmth to Liverpool's homeless thanks to City of Liverpool Lions Club. Picture shows (left to right) David Carter, chief executive of The Whitechapel Centre receiving the bags from Lions Gary Millar, Joan Elliott and David Elliott.**



LCIF - Annual Report 2013-2014

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As the 2014 – 2015 Chairman of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), I have the honour of presenting you with some of the highlights of the Foundation's work in 2013-14. This report will give you a glimpse of our achievements and the lives we have touched through your kindness and compassion. I look forward to celebrating even more success stories with you at the International Convention in Honolulu. Congratulations to Past International President Wayne Madden on a successful year as Chairman, and to you, Lions, for supporting your Foundation!"

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Barry J. Palmer".

Barry J. Palmer
LCIF Chairman, Immediate Past International President

A Celebration for King's

LIBRA Trustees joined world-renowned professors to celebrate the official opening of the new ELF (Elimination of Leukaemia Fund) and LIBRA Ward at King's College Hospital in January. Professor Sir George Alberti, Chairman of King's, and Professor Ghulam Mufti, Head of Haematology, welcomed Trustees to the hospital. As a thank you to LIBRA for its long-term

commitment to fundraising for the Haematology Department, King's decided to name the ward after the Lions appeal.

It was during the opening ceremony in the hospital's Centenary Wing that the professors unveiled a special plaque carrying the LIBRA logo. The plaque will be placed in the new ward so that staff, patients, and their families are aware just how important the charity is to King's.

LIBRA Chairman Andrew Lodge commented: "It was an honour to attend the official opening of the ELF and LIBRA Ward. It was a particularly special occasion as the professors thanked LIBRA Trustees and our supporters for helping to raise substantial funds over the years. The ward, located in King's centenary block, is specifically for patients suffering with blood cancers and disorders including leukaemia and haemophilia. We are delighted that LIBRA is associated with this specialist ward and we will continue to do all we can to raise funds for the Haematology Department."



LIBRA's Great Spring Bake

For the second year running, LIBRA is encouraging supporters to take part in its annual Great Spring Bake. The first ever Great Spring Bake was a real success in 2014 so Trustees are keen for more individuals and Lions Clubs to get involved this year. They hope that you will consider taking part by holding a coffee morning, tea party or cake sale. The idea is that a fundraising event can be held anytime during the spring and in a location to suit you. By getting involved in the Great Spring Bake you can help to raise funds which are urgently required by the Haematology Department at King's College Hospital, so that the space and equipment is available for the development of new treatments for blood cancers. All funds raised will go towards LIBRA's Giving 4 Growth Campaign (G4G) target of £200,000.

The three laboratories to benefit from the G4G campaign will include the Cellular Therapy Laboratory, Stem Cell Laboratory and the Rayne Cell Therapy Suite. Funds will be used to develop these specialist areas. This will enable the haematology team to continue much needed research into treatments for leukaemia, and allied blood cancers, that have the potential to save thousands of lives.

LIBRA Trustee Michael Adams commented: "We are pleased to welcome back the Great Spring Bake to our 2015 fundraising calendar and hope that Lions across the UK will enjoy taking part. It is the perfect opportunity to fundraise with friends, family, work colleagues and contacts in the community. All we ask is that you bake some goodies, sell them and donate the funds to LIBRA. Why

not indulge and create some of your favourite treats!"

If you would like to take part please download our Guide to the Great Spring Bake online at www.libralionscharity.org

Please email info@libralionscharity.org to confirm your interest.

Don't forget to share your recipes and promote your Great Spring Bake event at

www.facebook.com/LibraCharity



A 'Hyperactive Club'

The Lions of Balsall Common (as our scribe in 105-M described them) made a significant contribution to the health of men in their area... 211 turned up for Prostate Tests

Balsall Common Lions Prostate Screening event was a great success with 211 men coming along for a free blood test to check their Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA). The event was organised in partnership with the Worcester Prostate Awareness Group, and after their testing many men stopped to listen to a very a informative talk by Consultant Urologist David Baxter-Smith, while enjoying free light refreshments.

The seven Phlebotomists present were kept busy, under the supervision of nursing sister Dorothy Baxter-Smith who packed the blood samples which were sent directly to a hospital laboratory for analysis. The results were sent direct to Mr Baxter-Smith for review and he then forwarded these to each of the men tested with their results, which is categorised Green, Amber or Red. This will give advice on any future action.

As a result of this Screening 11 men have been diagnosed with abnormal PSA levels. Increasing awareness is the key to improving both treatment and diagnosis, and in turn quality of life. Balsall Common Lions were pleased to be able to serve the community with this free service.

The pictures show (right) Mr David Mr Baxter-Smith, with his wife Dorothy, Lion Ann Pemberton and Lion President Mark Whitfield, who also made a cheque donation to Baxter-Smith for the Worcester Awareness Group, and (above) the Phlebotomists.



George will go to Japan



• George with Lion Ken Rouse

The Lions Club of Bletchley, Milton Keynes donated £700 to George Metcalfe (14) to give him the unique opportunity to attend the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Kirara-Hama, Japan in July/August 2015. This self-funded trip costs £3,000. He has been involved with Scouts in the local area since he was a 6 year old Beaver. With only 7 places available for Milton Keynes, the achievement of gaining a place was all the more impressive. George and six others will be representing Milton Keynes at an event larger than the Olympics. There will be approximately 3,500 UK participants comprising of Scouts / Explorers / Guides / Rangers and up to 30,000 Worldwide.



Lions Across the World

CARING FOR ANIMALS IMPROVES CHILDREN



• *Caring for horses has enabled troubled children to improve their behaviour*



AUSTRIA—City students with behavioral problems are learning to take care of themselves and make better decisions by taking care of horses. In Vienna, the Wien (Vienna) Johann Strauss Lions Club supports the Horse Wilderness Project, in which troubled youths clean stables, groom horses and feed their charges.

About 150 children have participated. Most have shown improvement in relationships at school and in academic achievement. Their progress has been so noteworthy that a college of education in Zurich, Switzerland, sent 40 students there to observe the programme.

The stables are located at the Lobau, an area of dense scrub and woodlands. A school counselor with a degree in therapeutic/special education runs the program.

LIONS MAKE THE FOREST MORE ADVENTUROUS

SWITZERLAND—Winterthur is the sixth-largest city in Switzerland with a population of 100,000, but no city in this nation has more woodland. Forty percent of its land is forest. Residents hike the city's many paths of dirt, gravel and wood chips that wind through the trees. Enhancing one of the city's chief attractions, the four Lions Clubs and Leo Club of Winterthur built an adventure path with 10 activity posts near the town center.

The Clubs undertook the labor-intensive project in conjunction with the celebration of the 750-year anniversary of the city. The four Lions Clubs, which have 154 members, and the Leos worked Saturdays to complete the project.

The posts revolve around exercise, contemplation or relaxation. One has a tightrope. Another has a forest "bed," a sloped wooden structure shaped like a bed. Other posts include sound boxes with



• *Lions build a shelter for their adventure path*

mallets, a jumping area in which one's jump can be compared to the leaps of various animals and a shelter with a plaque that briefly explains who Lions are. "Overall, it was a successful project that brought our Clubs closer together and allowed each Cub to work at its own speed," says Daniel Sidler, 2013-14 President of the Winterthur Lions Club.

RECYCLING WITH A TWIST

PERU—Lions here recycle glass bottles—not an unusual activity. But what sets apart this Club is that it turns the bottles into drinking glasses with the Lions logo. Members of the San Borja Papa Juan XXII Lions Club also refurbish and affix a Lions logo to vases, lamps and other decorative items. The objects are donated to the needy to spruce up their homes. The items are donated to the Club from treasurer Cesar Luis



Sevillano Palacios, who owns a sanitation company.

Palacios' expertise comes in handy for the Clubs' main project: recycling. The Club recycles paper, cardboard and plastic, and the funds generated pay for food and milk for soup kitchens and nursing home.



• *Cesar Luis Sevillano Palacios poses with a girl drinking from one of his Club's glasses.*

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Watford Lions gave away nearly £7000

Over 60 friends and fellow Lions attended a happy event held by Watford Lions Club at the Watford Bowling Club, the venue for their regular Club meetings. This was the accumulation of the joint efforts of their supporters, donors, and friends, over the year. The three large cheques were presented by the two Chief Guests of Honour, the former Mayor of Watford Cllr. Norman Tyrwhitt and his wife Mavis, both of them Honorary Freemen of the Borough of Watford. A cheque of £2000 was presented to Demand, a local charity chosen by Mayor Dorothy Thornhill. Then two cheques of £1000 each were presented to the Herts Inclusive Theatre and Arthritis Research UK, the two charities chosen by Borough Council Chairman, Councillor George Derbyshire.

Lion President Berice Andrews presented cheques of £700 each to four of our local schools, namely the Parkgate Junior, the Bedmond Primary, the Hollywell Primary, and the Centre Primary School.

Organisations which helped with the Cassiobury Fireworks last year (an annual fund raising event by the Watford Lions!) were also presented with donations by Lion President Berice.

Other guests present included PCC Lion Geoff Leeder and his wife May from Luton, and our Zone H Chairman, Lion Terry Allen from Hemel Hempstead.

Each of the receivers present was also given the opportunity to make a short outline of their organisation and activities. Lion President Berice thanked all those who had been helping the Club with fund raising functions and activities, especially Cheryl Cochrane, who was Club Secretary last year but has to leave our Club because of her own work commitments, and to Lion Allen

Harvey, our present Club Secretary. Both Cheryl and Allen had truly devoted much of their time with all the groundwork and the co-ordination of all our fund raising activities. The guests, friends, and visitors were then served with refreshments.

Watford Lions Club was formed in 1970 and over the past few years, the total membership has ranged between 15 to 20. But these diligent Lions manage to raise an average between £15,000 to £20,000 for charities each year. This must indeed be a wonderful achievement that the Club deserves to be proud of. It is anticipated that the membership will increase in the coming years.

The regular annual fund raising events include three Fish and Chip dinners for the elderly, the two fireworks, one at our local Cassiobury Park, and the other at Abbots Langley. Both events drew large crowds and raised good money for charities. The Club also runs a charity Book Shop on Sundays in Hemel Hempstead and also organises a sea-side trip for senior citizens every year.

For those interested to meet and join our forthcoming 45th Charter Anniversary Dinner celebration on Saturday, April 25, please contact our Club Secretary Lion Allen Harvey on allen@watfordlions.co.uk



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Teamwork in Tamworth

Tamworth Lions Club, along with all the other service Clubs in the town, Soroptomists, Rotary and Round Table, were approached three years ago by the Tamworth Area Medical Emergency/Community First Responders with a challenge to provide the area with a new First Response car.

The Lions, along with their friends in the other service clubs, organised many fund-raising events, all generously supported by local people, and towards the end of last year the clubs were able to celebrate the purchase and delivery of a new ambulance.

All the service clubs were pictured on the lawns of Tamworth Castle raising a toast to the success of the project, with a splendid view of the town's historic skyline in the background.

Right: Waiting for the 'mystery car' to be unveiled

Below right: The new vehicle in all its glory, fully equipped and able to deal with local medical emergencies.

Also shown is the plaque which adorns the car, acknowledging those who helped to provide the funds. As Lion Geoff Trevena says: "It's not very often that a Lions Club sees its name on the sides of a flash BMW!"



Tim Shriver will speak at Honolulu

Tim Shriver, scion of the Kennedy family and Chairman of Special Olympics, will give the keynote address at the first Plenary Session of the International Convention in Honolulu (see page 16). Special Olympics serves 4.4 million Special Olympics athletes in 170 nations, and Lions partner with them to provide eye screening and glasses to athletes who are found to require them through the Opening Eyes Programme.

Working with such world leaders as Nelson Mandela, Bill Clinton and George W Bush, Tim Shriver has helped to transform Special Olympics into a movement which focusses on the acceptance and inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities.

Speaking at the 96th Lions International Convention in Germany, Mr Shriver told his audience: "The most powerful hope of humankind is that we believe that everybody counts and everybody matters."





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Welcome to the World — of Lions

The newest Lions Club in District 105-A got off to a healthy start when 24 eager new Lions got together for the Charter Dinner at the Mumbai Garden Restaurant to celebrate.

The event was well supported by fellow Lions of 105-A, including District Governor Ramesh Parmar, and International President Joe Preston welcomed the new Lions with a Message offering his 'best wishes and support as you and your Club members dedicate time and effort to meet new challenges in your community and throughout the world'

He urged the Club leaders to: '...continue to seek new members who share our vision of service to ensure that your Club remains healthy and vital for years to come....'and thanked them for joining 'in our efforts to STRENGTHEN THE PRIDE' through membership and service and play a significant role in helping those in need'

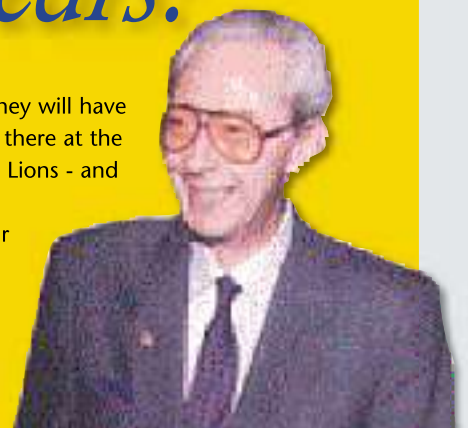


Celebrating 65 years!

The youngest Lions Club in 105-A (see above) may well be celebrating, but they will have to go a long way to match the record of London Host Lions Club who were there at the beginning, and, as the name implies, were the Lions who welcomed visiting Lions - and others - to the Capital.

Past International President 'Pino' Grimaldi will be an honoured guest at their celebration Charter event (see the publicity opposite). The memories of at least some of this wonderful range of Lions go back to those early years.

In this issue we commemorate the passing of one of our Multiple District's founding fathers, PDG David Saunders, and London Host can be proud of having its roots back in those days when Lions were only beginning to take root in Europe.



A Tribute to Lion David

This Appreciation of the life of PDG David Saunders, one of the "Founding Fathers" of Lions in MD105, was delivered by Past International Director Howard Lee at the funeral.

A wise man once said, "We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give." Having known Lion David Saunders for over 30 years, I know what a wonderfully giving man he was. He certainly did make a life for himself and for those around him. So I feel truly honoured to be asked to say a few words about his life in Lions.

At the invitation of his then neighbour, David originally joined the Brighton and Hove Lions Club some 63 years ago. However, living in Burgess Hill, it seemed logical to form a Club there, so he and Dennis Venning set about the task. In just a little over a month they had sufficient Charter Members to form the new Club, and David became its Charter President for 1955/56, when dinner meetings at the Franklands Park Hotel were just 7s 6d (37.5 pence)! Throughout the rest of his life, David remained an active member of the Burgess Hill Club until age took its toll on his mobility. However, he still remained a valued advisor and elder statesman to the Club for 63 years, right up to the end. Working for the same Lions Club is a truly remarkable achievement, and a record in the British Isles and Ireland.

David's obvious talents in Lions were recognised very early, and he was elected District Governor for 1958/59. At that time, it was the duty of District Governors to visit all Clubs. The good news was that there were only around 75 of them, all in one District. The bad news was that the District covered the whole of the British Isles and Ireland, and the Clubs were spread from Southampton to Leeds, and all on roads far less developed than today. Quite a feat indeed!

One of David's greatest achievements in service to the community was in the introduction of the Medic Alert ID system to the British Isles. The idea first came from an article in "Men Only" (it was not David reading it!), but David was a Public Health Inspector, so he and other members of Burgess Hill Lions Club took up the challenge and started the ball rolling. Medic Alert UK was formally adopted as a Lions project nationally in 1963 and now has well over 200,000 members. It has saved the lives of literally thousands of people over the years.

With his experience in forming new Clubs, David was an obvious choice when Lions Clubs International wished to appoint



Howard Lee

an International Staff Representative for the British Isles and Ireland, a paid position which David held until the late 1980s, taking the number of Clubs from around 100 to over 800. Of course, he did not do all the work himself, but his gentle, friendly leadership encouraged many existing Clubs to seek new Club opportunities, and carry out the work necessary to achieve them.

His experience, his work on new Clubs, and his gentle, friendly leadership style quite naturally made him one of the most respected long-term advisors in Lions affairs locally, nationally and internationally. He had quite exacting standards in Lions, which he felt should be maintained

whenever possible, but he never lost his sense of humour over them. For instance, in 1980 when International President Lloyd Morgan from New Zealand visited, the then District Governor, a young lad called Colin Vincent, offered to pick him up at Brighton station and take him to the hotel. "Oh no!", said David. "We must have a really nice car for the President!" "I do have a Mercedes 280SE", said Colin, to which David replied with a grin, "That will just about do, I suppose!"

I first met David in 1979, but it was a few years later when, as a fresh-faced Zone Chairman, I was forming a new Club. We worked together on it, and his wisdom and great depth of knowledge in such matters were invaluable assistance in bringing the Club to fruition in just two months.

After that, I worked with David from time to time, and enjoyed his company at Conventions and meetings in our Multiple District, and in many other parts of the world over many years.

Whether working or playing, he was always most pleasant company. He really was one of life's natural gentlemen, in all senses of the word. Of course, he was recognised

by Lions on many occasions with presentations and awards, and received an MBE for services to charity. But one occasion of particular note for me was in 2012 when I was able to bring the then International President Wing Kun Tam from Hong Kong to David's home to visit, and to present him with an International President's Award to celebrate his 60 years in Lions. That really was an most enjoyable and moving occasion.

There are people in this world who are all too ready to look on the gloomy side of life. That was never David's way. He was always positive and smiling, and a really great person to know. So you can see why I consider myself so privileged to be able to say these few words in celebration of David's life. Of course we are sad. A light has gone out. But what we have left is the precious memory of how brightly it burned, and the warmth it gave to us, and to so many others. Until we meet again, farewell David, whom I am proud to call friend.

“...I was able to bring the then International President Wing Kung Tam from Hong Kong to visit David's home and present him with an International President's Award...”

OBITUARY

These Lions of our Multiple District have recently left us. We honour their memory and the contribution they made in their Lionistic service for the good of others.

SAUNDERS: Lion David PDG, MBE, MJF

Burgess Hill District Lions Club. With great sadness we report the death of PDG Lion David Saunders MBE, MJF the longest serving Lion in District 105 with 62 years 9 months service. David died peacefully in January. David was Charter President of Burgess Hill District Lions in 1955 having joined Brighton Lions in 1952, but his greatest success was probably helping to bring Medic Alert to our Multiple District in 1964. David may be gone but he will never be forgotten. At this sad time Lion President Christopher Muschamp and Club members extend their heartfelt sympathy to all his family.

** Please see previous page for tributes to Lion David.*

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HOUGH: Lion Michael

Caistor and District Lions Club. With great sadness we report the death of Past President Lion Mike, an incredibly active Lion for 45 years. Initially a member of Darley Dale Lions Club, where he served as President and became Vice District Governor, on his retirement he moved to Lincolnshire and joined Caistor, where the members soon realised the benefits of his good humour and experience, and he again accepted the Presidency, once again serving with distinction. His fellow members will miss Michael's warm personality, enthusiasm and input to the Club, and their thoughts and sympathy are with his wife Nan and family.

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HEPPLE: Lion Thomas E. (84)

Lions Club of Plymouth. Members are deeply saddened by the death of Lion Tom. Archives show that in 1974 the formation of a Lions Club in Plymouth was suggested and Tom's determination resulted in Plymouth being Chartered in 1965 with 19 members and Tom as Charter President. He died one day before his 85th birthday and would have been celebrating 50 years as a Lion. He served in most roles, and, as a respected local solicitor, was well known. Sadly he lost his wife in 2006, and members' thoughts and sympathies go to his daughters and families.

HESTER: Lion Robert

Telford Lions Club. With great sadness we report the passing of Lion Bob after a lengthy illness. Club socials were enlivened by Bob's legendary twinkle toes on the dance floor and whatever the event, if something needed making or mending Bob fixed it, showing great ingenuity and imagination. He will be sorely missed and our deepest sympathy goes to his wife Lion Sheila and the family.

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LEE Lion Ken, MJF

Boscombe Lions Club. Ken joined the Club in 1989 on his retirement to Bournemouth. He put the same amount of vigour into his Lions duties as he had shown in a fascinating and varied career. He had a number of roles within the Club including President and Spektrek co-ordinator. He collected over 250,000 pairs of spectacles, an achievement which was recognised with a Melvin Jones Fellowship in 2010. He was always one of the first to volunteer for Club and District activities and was a regular attendee at District and Multiple District Conventions with his wife Vic, to whom members extend sympathies.

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WINDLEY: Lion Robert James (Jim) (95)

Maidenhead Lions Club. With great sadness we report the death of Lion Jim. He was a loyal and enthusiastic member since 1975 and was Club Treasurer on several occasions in the 1980s. He was an active Lion until a few years ago when he had to move into a nursing home. Our thoughts are with his daughter and son and their families.

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CLARK Lion Frank (77)

Swanage Lions Club. Members regret to report the death of Lion Frank after a long period of failing health. A Club member for 41 years, Past President, Lion Tamer and organiser of many social events, if bric a brac needed shifting or VIPs needed transporting, wining and dining, the call went up "Call Frank!". We sadly miss his joie de vivre and send our best wishes to his wife Eileen and the family.

ASTWOOD: Lion Bob (70)

Chippenham Lions Club. With regret members report the death of Lion Bob, one of the District's longest serving members. He had been in poor health for some years. He joined Lions in 1975 in Wootton Bassett Club where he became President and transferred to Chippenham in 2008 where he was a prime mover in the Cherished Vehicle Show, and also served as a District Officer. His hard work and organisational skills were valued by all, and his fellow Lions will miss a good friend. Our thoughts are with Pam and his family.

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BASSETT: Lion Bill (MJF)

Leigh on Sea Lions Club. We sadly report the passing of Charter Member Lion Bill after a two-year battle with cancer. A willing member for 24 years with a cheery smile for everyone, he was 'Our Man with a Van'. In spite of being ill at the time he supported his wife Lion Ruth during her Presidential year which culminated with the Club presenting him with a Melvin Jones Fellowship at the Club Charter. Members were delighted when he was able to join them at the Christmas meal early in December. He will be greatly missed and our thoughts are with Lion Ruth and their family.

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LEE: Lion John, MJF, (75)

Peterlee & District Lions Club. Past and present members are deeply sad to announce the death of Charter Member Lion John. President on several occasions during his 33-year stint with the Club he will be sorely missed by his fellow Lions and in the local community where his organisational skills and dedication were much appreciated. A retired businessman, always a gentleman, he retained the friendship and loyalty of all. He will be missed not only by Club members, but by his friends and the community. Our thoughts and sympathy are with his wife June and their family at this sad time.

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Lions Across the World

REMOTE VILLAGERS SERVED IN ECUADOR

Lions in Quito, the capital of Ecuador, traveled 16 miles over mountain roads to provide not only health care to villagers but also medical advice to prevent illness and disease. Ten members of the Quito Colonial Lions Club, four doctors and three health care workers spent a day in Pintag to provide exams, medicine and information. More than 150 adults and children were served at a school. "The participants were very interested. There were lot of questions and comments. These activities fill our hearts and help us grow as people and become better human beings," a Lion told the Spanish LION Magazine.



• Health care workers meet with residents of Pintag, Ecuador.

LIONS UNLEASH BOTTLED-UP DARING

JAPAN—Kids today: they're afraid to tackle challenging endeavors. That's the view of some Lions in Toyama, a city of 1 million in the centre of Japan. Understanding that children today (surely no different than children of prior generations) need to be challenged does not take a degree in rocket science.

But the Lions in Toyama are using rockets to lessen children's hesitancy to pursue activities in which success is not certain.

For six years the Toyama Minato Lions Club has helped students make and launch their own rockets. Rising along with the whirring



rockets are knowledge of engineering principles and a willingness to tackle a difficult, even potentially dangerous, task.

Lion Machiko Kataguchi, who has years of engineering experience, coordinates the annual Bottle Rockets Trials at the Hokubu Children's Center. Kataguchi began the project because he saw too many children ignorant not only of basic science but also hesitant to try endeavours that were difficult.

"Lions help the kids make their rockets, but take care not to do too much or interfere," according to a story in the Japanese LION. "They even let the kids use utility knives and scissors. In today's

accident-averse society, children are shielded from anything dangerous or difficult. Therein lies the problem: today's children will be unable to deal with even the slightest hardship in the future. The Lions are teaching the children not only to make bottle rockets but to be independent, work hard and be proud of their achievements."

The children also learn how to use technology to their advantage. For the first few years, they used hand pumps to pressurise partially water-filled plastic bottles. That method was exhausting. So now they use a compressor. The rockets are flying farther, prompting Lions to affix flags in the ground marking the ever more distant flight of the rockets.

• The children immensely enjoy building and launching the rockets while also learning to take chances.



Welcome, New Lions!...

Sometimes it seems that new Lions are like buses – you wait for ages, then four turn up at once!

That was the experience of Scunthorpe Lions when Lion President Derek Hall said: "It is a real pleasure to be able to increase the Club's members in one single induction ceremony, strengthening what is already a strong, thriving and active Club" The new Lions - in fact they were well acquainted with working for the Club - all recalling the enjoyment of helping with Lions' pre-Christmas activities, such as the Grotto and the annual Panto treat for disabled and underprivileged children.

There's Bryan Rawlinson, married to Beverley and with ties with Lions for many years (his brother John is the Club Secretary). Bryan is a former roof tiler, is a grandfather and a sports fanatic, enjoying golf - playing - and football - spectating.

David Mumby is a retired Civil Engineer who enjoys spending time in his garden, while John Glover is a retired Engineering Manager, who emphasises the importance of his family - he is married to Pauline - and has a passion for snooker.

Finally Roger Holmes, is a former steelworker, married to Barbara. He enjoys family activities and also finds time for gardening and is interested in anything to do with nature...



Every one of the quartet agreed that they were looking forward to getting a lot of satisfaction from helping the Club to meet its community commitment and to sharing the satisfaction that comes from knowing that some good is being done for many people who deserve help.

A 20 per cent increase for Wokingham

The year 2015 started well for Wokingham Lions as they totted up that over the last six months their membership has increased by 20 per cent. Says Tim Hanton, President: "We have had seven new people join the Club, bringing our membership to 34. We have members who work full time as well as some who are retired and we

always welcome them all. The more members we have the more we can do to raise funds for worthy causes in the area."

And they will need all the willing hands they can get, as at the time of going to press they are planning a Giant Easter Egg Raffle, an Annual May Fayre, A June Jazz Concert to benefit Combat Stress and other charities, a 'Casino Royale' Charity Ball for the local Childrens' Hospice, and much more ...

And Wokingham Lions Club Donated £800 to Help for Heroes



Phil Darley (right), representing Help for Heroes in Berkshire, accepted a cheque for £800 from Tim Hanton, Wokingham Lions Club President. The money was raised at the Art Themen Wine and Cheese event last year. Help for Heroes supports British servicemen and women who have been wounded or injured in the line of duty. The charity provides ongoing support to around 75,000 people in need of help.





**English Federation
of Disability Sport**



Warwick University's athletics stadium in Coventry will host the National Junior Athletics Championships on the 27th & 28th June 2015.

In 2014, the Graham Bool Memorial Trophy was awarded to the region that accumulated the most points through individual performance. The North East team were delighted to lift the trophy, in addition to one of their team, Bridgit Hobson, who was presented with the Lions Clubs International's Endeavour Trophy. Bridgit had earlier impressed judges in the Powerchair slalom.

The Championships have provided thousands of young disabled athletes from all four nations with the opportunity to develop their talent and compete against their national rivals. Many elite disabled athletes who began their golden careers at the event, remember these Junior Championships fondly.

Volunteers continue to be the lifeblood of the Disability Sports Events programme. The English Federation of Disability Sport together with Lion Ian Clare received feedback to say that many of the volunteers felt inspired by the athlete's achievements and are keen to enrol again for this year. Please email Ian on ian.clare2@blueyonder.co.uk for further details.

Please continue to support this partnership by sending in donations to your District Treasurer endorsing the back of your Clubs cheques with the English Federation of Disability Sport.



Bexley & Sidcup Lions Club's

Borehole Project in Mombasa, Kenya

Two water boreholes were installed in small villages on the outskirts of Mombasa, Kenya, East Africa. The object of the project was to provide potable water to the school children and the locals in the villages who had to trek long way between 1.5km – 2.5m daily to water points for their water needs. It was reckoned that besides the general requirements of water usage some water may be diverted for irrigation purposes to grow crops for the locals. It is anticipated that around 2300-2500 people will benefit for their water needs daily from each location.

The project was initiated by Lion Kalwant Singh Main in 2012 and was completed in 2014 with the inauguration ceremony in November held on the site attended by Lion Kalwant who was commended for his efforts in raising £3000 single handed.

The project was planned on the basis that Bexley & Sidcup Lions Club will provide funds for the capital costs while construction and maintenance will be the responsibility of the local Mombasa Pwani Lions Club. The total cost of two boreholes was agreed with the contractor on a fixed price of 320,000Ksh (about £2310)

The boreholes are sited in Tezo Ward County of Kilifi, North Mambasa. One in Village Zowerani is dedicated to Lion Kaldip Deogun (President 2012-2013), another one in Village Soyosoyo is dedicated to Lion

Kalwant (president 2013-2014)

A third borehole is planned to go in Wesa Village, county of Kilifi. The funds required are already committed by the Club.



• Borehole in Zowerani Village
dedicated to Lion Kaldip Deogun



• Locals trying out the pumps with Lion Kalwant and Lion Inderjit of Pwani LC



• Borehole in Soyosyo Village dedicated to Lion Kalwant Main

World Sight Day



The Lions of Burgess Hill, ably supported by Specsavers and 4Sight, celebrated World Sight Day with a Blind Walk. The Town Crier launched the event, and Town Mayor Councillor Anne Jones MBE and Club President Chris Muschamp, suitably blindfolded, discovered what it is like to traverse the familiar terrain of their local streets.

One walker (well, two) who needed no introduction to this challenge, was Lion Tony Aston, who was accompanied by his guide dog, Humphrey. They led the tour of the town, via Waitrose, the Library and the Lions Book Den with its collection of

large print books and cassettes. The group visited the local Council Help Point and the HSBC Bank to find out what they offered to sight-impaired people.

One and a half hours later they were back at the starting point, and the day was capped in the evening when 30 guests attended a superb dinner at the 'SHAPLA' Indian Restaurant, which, with a raffle and auction, raised £260 for 4Sight, generously topped up by £40 by restaurant owner Mr Hussein (a sum which paid for 20 members of 4Sight to have a Christmas lunch courtesy of the Burgess Hill Lions).



Food Drive in Ireland Makes Spirits Bright

IRELAND – Grocery shoppers who forgot their list need not have worried: Lions were on hand to pass one out. Lions stationed themselves in Tesco stores on two days in December to appeal to shoppers to buy non-perishables such as breakfast cereals, tea bags and tinned goods for those in need.

The holiday collaboration between Irish Lions and Tesco Ireland was hugely successful. Lions and Tesco volunteers collected over 200,000 euros (US\$236,000) worth of food for families in need during the in-store Christmas Food Appeal.

The collection in 148 stores amounted to 95,000 meals' worth of food. Tesco topped up the donations by 30 percent.

Lions in Ireland have held the food drive since the 1980s. "Our partnership with Tesco had been most welcome and has enabled us to fulfill our commitment to those in need," says Lion Joe Smith, food drive coordinator. Adds Christine Heffernan, the Corporate Affairs director at Tesco Ireland, "We have been overwhelmed by the generosity and goodwill shown by our customers, not to mention the huge efforts made by all Lions Club and Tesco volunteers."

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EARDLEY: Lion Graham (71)

Vale Royal Lions Club. Members are deeply saddened at the passing of Lion Graham, a Club Member since 1979, having recently achieved his 35-year service award. Past President as well a long-serving Club Secretary, he was an enthusiastic supporter Club activities, and a wise counsel with a quick wit and sense of humour. A true Lion among Lions he will be sorely missed by all members. Our thoughts are with his wife Carole and family.

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GODDEN: Lion Frank, MJF (90)

Marston Green & District Lions Club. With great sadness we report the death of Lion Frank, a member for 33 years. He was President twice and specially enjoyed attending fetes and social gatherings. He was especially devoted to community service and used to help children at a local school with their reading. He was also regarded as 'the real Father Christmas' by many in the area. In his later years he continued to play an active part in Club activities, despite failing health. He will be sadly missed and our sympathies go to his wife Kath and family.

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HOOGERWERF: Lion Pauline, MJF (65)

Marston Green & District Lions Club. With great sadness we report the passing of Lion Pauline after a short illness. After many years of being a supportive partner, Pauline became a Lion in 1994. She served as President and held a variety of roles, including Secretary, PRO and Chairman of fund raising, service, and the annual Charity Ball. Many Lions throughout the Multiple District will remember the time she spent working at MDHQ. As a District Officer one of her legacies will be the work she carried out as North Sea Lions Officer, overseeing the renovation of water wells in Niger. She built strong bonds with the local City Technology College and oversaw the introduction of a very success YLIS programme. A Lion through and through, she will be greatly missed and our thoughts and condolences go to her husband Lion Wim.

NOBLE: Lion Horace (85)

High Wycombe Lions Club. Despite joining Lions late in life, Horace was an active and lively member for almost ten years. He participated enthusiastically in Club events, proudly supported his wife Lily when she became Club President, and was always ready to voice an opinion. Reduced mobility slowed him down recently, but his keenness and interest remained as strong as ever. He will be sadly missed by his fellow Lions whose thoughts are with Lion Lily and Horace's family.

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GROUT: Lion Joe, MJF, (88)

Goring, Woodcote & District Lions Club. Members are saddened by the death of Lion Joe, a Charter Member of both Goring and of the mother Club, South Chilterns. He was honoured with a Melvin Jones Fellowship in 2005 for dedicated humanitarian services. A Lion for 42 years, more than 30 years with Goring, he was always much involved with the Club's local community projects. Members' thoughts and sympathies go to his family.

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LAPSINS: Lion Juris (76)

Fleetwood and Cleveleys Lions Club. With great sadness members report the passing of Lion Juris, a dedicated member since 2006. He will be sadly missed and our deepest sympathies go to his wife Mandy and family.

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BOON: Lion Stanley (94)

Ventnor Lions Club – Isle of Wight. It is with sadness that we have to report the passing of Lion Stan. He had been a member of the Club for 22 years serving as President but mainly in PRO. With his late wife Rose, they gave much time to working in the community on 'Lions Projects'. Lion Stan was a member of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve serving as a pilot during the Second World War, when he had a distinguished record, gaining an 'Oak Leaf' for being mentioned in Despatches. He loved flying and held a pilots' licence until almost 80. He was a true gentleman, although through ill health had been 'at large' for several years.

ARMSTRONG: Lion Mary (90)

Northwood Lions Club. Members regret to announce the death of Lion Mary who served as a member of Uxbridge and then Northwood Lions Clubs, giving nearly 50 years of service to the community. A committed Lion, despite her age, she remained interested in Club activities and engaged with the Club members even though she was not always able to attend meetings regularly. She will be sadly missed and the thoughts and sympathy of her fellow Lions go out to her family.

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VOSPER: Charles Brian, MJF (84)

Garstang & District Lions Club. Members sadly report the death of Lion Brian, the only remaining Charter Member of the Club, which was formed in 1971. Lion Brian was a valued member, being President in 1984/85, 1996/97 and 1997/98. He was also Treasurer for many years and took an active part in the many events of the Club, right up to his short illness, a few months before he died. His coffin was covered with the Lions drape and Club members formed a guard of honour, together with other Club members from the area. Sympathies go out to Jacqui, his wife and members of Brian's family.

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SWINDELLS: Lion Dennis (97)

Rottingdean and Saltdean Lions Club. Members are sad to announce the death of Lion Dennis, a month short of his 98th birthday. He had been a Lion for 14 years, and despite being a good age when he joined, he involved himself in many service and fund-raising activities. He also attended the Club's many social activities, and members will be eternally grateful for his generosity in supporting them and the Club. He will be sorely missed, especially for his wicked sense of humour. Our thoughts are with his son and daughter in law.

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TITTERINGTON: Lawrence, MJF (86)

Lions Club of Penrith. Members are sad to report the death of Lion Lawrence who was a Lion for 38 years and was President in 1983-84. Lawrence was a hard working, dedicated Lion who could always be relied on to volunteer for any task however small. His dry humour and attention to detail will be sorely missed by all members of the Club.

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BROOKES: Lion John (69)

Dover Lions Club. Members sadly report the passing of their President, Lion John, who had battled illness with great positivity during the past year but died very peacefully with his family around him. Lion John had only transferred to Dover in 2011 but had been a dedicated and hardworking Lion in various Clubs for over 30 years, serving as Club President, Zone Chairman and Region Chairman. He was also Convention Officer for the 2013 Convention. His quick wit and sense of humour will be sadly missed, and his passing will be a great loss to the Club as well as to his many friends in the Zone and District. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Angela and their family at this very sad time.

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JONES: Lion David (76)

Buxton & District Lions Club members have been deeply saddened by the sudden death of Lion David, who, with his wife, Anne, invariably at his side, had been committed and regular supporters of Buxton Lions in fundraising and social events for many years before David formally joined. His calm and good humoured dependability, warm personality and readiness always to be one of the first to step forward to help others made him a highly respected Lion. David was a wonderful family man and all our thoughts are with his devoted wife, Anne, his four children, and all the family.

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GARROOD: Lion Raymond (84)

Peterborough Lions Club. Members are sad to report the death of Lion Ray. A Lion since 1975, Lion Ray's career with Nat West Bank gave him the opportunity to move around the country and to join his local Lions Club. He was a Charter Member of Stamford, joined Cambridge, Thetford, returned to Stamford then settled in Peterborough. Lion Ray and his wife Shirley were a great asset to Peterborough Lions, diligent when investigating requests for funding and always willing to do their stint at selling Quiz Sheets and on the Christmas Carol Float. Lion Ray's wise counsel will be greatly missed; our love and wishes go out to Shirley.

CLARKSON: Lion John (62)

Eastbourne Lions Club are saddened to report the sudden death of a tremendously active and passionate Lion. Lion John joined in March 2000 with his beloved wife Sue. Lion John worked tirelessly on building, towing and collecting with our Lions Carol Float and was also a major contributor to our Race Nights persuading his many contacts to sponsor a Race or Horse – or both! He was an extremely humble and active Lion who just got on with it and will be sorely missed. Our love and thoughts go to Lion Sue and their family.

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JUAN: Lioness Jo

Paddock Wood Lioness Club. It is with great sadness that members announce the death of Lioness Jo, an active member for 14 years and during that time held many roles including Lioness Tamer, Tail Twister and President in 2010-11. Whatever she did as a Lioness she did with pride, enthusiasm and humour and had become a very good and dear friend to every one of us. She enjoyed organising Club social events, ranging from coffee mornings to weekends away, and will be sorely missed by all. Our deep sympathy and prayers are with her husband Vincent, and family.

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PHELAN: Lion Jim

Birr Lions Club sadly report the death of Lion Jim, charter member and a very dedicated, hard-working Lion. President in 1995, and Hon. Sec. from 1997 to 2003, Jim had such a gift with words that we looked forward to his minutes which were precise and often witty and entertaining. He played a key role in all our activities until his health declined. Our Club has lost a very special personality. He is sadly missed by us all and our deepest sympathies go to Sheila and their family.

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AINSWORTH: Lion David (77)

Whitehaven & District Lions Club. Members are saddened to report the death of Lion David, a Charter Member since 1973, who first joined the West Cumberland Lions Club in 1971, and achieved 44 years service serving in many capacities. He was an kind, gentle and generous man who avidly supported all Club activities and upheld our motto "We Serve" as an example to all. The Club extends condolences to his wife Joan and the family.

ANGLIM: Lion Tom, MJF

Horley Lions Club. With sadness members report the passing of Lion Tom. A Lion for 39 years with the Club he had suffered many health setbacks over the years, but was always positive and until recently could be seen out and about on his electric transport, finding people who might benefit from Message in a Bottle, for which he was the main distributor. Described by a fellow Lion as "a beacon of hope who never complained", his last words to his son were that he was sorry that he could not get to the last meeting! Members send sympathies to his family at this sad time.

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DURHAM: Lion Sue (58)

Eastbourne Lions Club. Members are sad to report the death, after a long illness, of their first woman member and subsequently first female President. Sue (then Holden) joined Eastbourne Lions in 1994 and was President in 1999-2000. She was an active Lion filling many roles over the years. She became President again for 2007-2008 but her deteriorating health forced her resignation in 2009. She married Neil Durham in 2004 with many Lions attending the ceremony - yet another first in Eastbourne for Sue. The thoughts of Eastbourne members go out to Neil, and her family.

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BROWN: Lion President Brian, MJF

Limavady Lions Club. Members are sorry to announce the death of their President Lion Brian, after a short illness. A Charter Member in 1971, he was serving his second term as President - the previous time was in 1991 – and in office for only a short time this time round he achieved what was thought to be the 'impossible' – initiating two women members into what had been an exclusively male Lions Club! His achievements, both as a Lion and an active local Councillor are too numerous to list, but he will long be remembered for a parachute jump and also a bungee jump from above the Victoria Falls, both of which feats were carried out in his late 50s and raised more than £8000. Members wish to express their sympathies to his wife Noreen and their family.

Obituary items may be sent directly to the Editor (see page 4) and will be used in the next available issue

A New Horizon...

Last November, I was delighted to be given the opportunity to visit the New Horizon Youth Centre, along with members from other charities and organisations. The objective of the visit was for me to gain an insight into the support provided for young people who have run away from home. This Centre is open seven days a week from 10 am to 4 pm, offering free services to young homeless people in and around London. One of the services they use is a telephone advice line called Street Link, a free telephone number that can put those on the street in touch with the various services they may need. The benefits of this service are significant and the potential impact on the young homeless individuals is easy to see. Vivienne and Peter from the Outreach Team highlighted the facilities provided to the young homeless, with some having slept rough on the streets from childhood to adolescence. These include assistance with finding appropriate accommodation, meals, personal care and hygiene. The weekly activities include advice on education, training and employment, housing benefits, drug and alcohol abuse, emergency clothing and storage, cookery workshops, learning new skills, drama and music workshops, an in-house nurse, legal advice, counselling, health and fitness sessions.

The outreach team of 30 staff work very closely with agencies across London, including housing and accommodation providers, local authorities, voluntary sector partners, the police, prisons, British Transport Police and businesses. Through expert mediators, the Creating Positive Futures team make regular visits to the prisons and assist young homeless people with resettlement services on their release from custody. This work, in association with the prison, is breaking new ground in preventing re-offending and helping young people to escape from gang culture. The Pillion Trust works very closely with the outreach team. Their aim is to break the cycle and

make sure that no child stays more than one night on the street. Every year, the outreach team supports close to 2000 people.

This challenge can only be met through funding by local authorities and the partner charities. Railway Children is one of the charities that the Lions Clubs of District 105-A support and invest in key services at the New Horizon Youth Centre. The fundraising events organised by the Lions Clubs for Street Children and the investment made by all our supporters is making a significant impact on the lives of young vulnerable and homeless people sleeping rough on the streets. This can only be achieved by creating awareness amongst fellow Lions and Lions Clubs through our presentations and the sharing of experiences such as this. The hands-on nature of these visits can only have one effect - to inspire one to Serve.

To find out more about Railway Children, or to donate, visit www.railwaychildren.org.uk

Fundraising Event:

We are organising a Walk the Marathon on 21 June 2015 for the consortium for Street Children www.justwalk.co.uk will give you all the details. Please support us to transform the lives of these youngsters by creating opportunities for our talented young people to succeed.

**By Joginder Gill,
Street Children Officer Dist 105-A**



Waitrose and Woking Lions Club

Waitrose Goldsworth Park presented a donation cheque from the recent 'community matters' collections for £214 to Woking Lions Club. Along with the donation, Waitrose has also provided a large amount of food products which was used for over 180 parcels delivered by the Lions to the less fortunate families of the local community. Pictured, left to right, are Lion President Roger Chamberlain, Lions Chairman of Services Committee Alan Bartlett, Teresa Wareham of Waitrose ASM operations and, Waitrose's own Fil Bigg who has been Father Christmas at the Club's Christmas Day lunch for more than 80 lonely people which the Lions organise each year.





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Through LCIF, Lions Serve Every Day, Every Way...

Thank you to everyone who supported Lions Clubs International Foundation this past year. In a world of service, your generosity is making a lasting difference in the lives of millions. As LCIF Chairman, I have seen our impact firsthand, and it is humbling. I have seen communities around the world that have been strengthened through our efforts. I have seen the smiles of the people whose lives we have touched. Those faces will stay with me forever as a reminder of what Lions and LCIF can accomplish.

You provided life-saving measles vaccinations in places like Bangladesh, Botswana and Uganda. You gave needed supplies and hope to the Philippines following the devastation of Typhoon Haiyan. You helped students around the world make positive choices and lead healthier lives through Lions Quest. You saved the sight of millions through SightFirst, which ushered men and women into the light, just as Helen Keller urged us to do. I am truly grateful for all that you do.

Our partnerships allow us to expand our reach and help even more people. Alongside The Carter Center, we helped eliminate River Blindness in Colombia and expanded our SightFirst initiative



Chairman Wayne comforts a baby

to address preventable blindness in Ethiopia, Mali, Niger and Uganda. Thanks to our Sight for Kids partnership program with Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Companies, we have screened the vision of more than 20 million students and we are expanding our reach beyond Asia to Kenya and Turkey.

Lions Quest received a US\$300,000 grant from the NoVo Foundation to enhance its social and emotional learning curriculum to help meet the changing needs of our students and schools. We are vaccinating millions of vulnerable children against Measles through our partnership with

Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and we are making great strides towards our goal of raising US\$30 million for the fight against Measles.

But none of this would be possible without you. Together, we are truly making this a world of service. As you read through this report, you will learn about some of the lives we have touched and see the tremendous impact we have achieved together. I hope you will remember that none of these touching stories would be possible without your continued support.

Wayne A. Madden

Wayne A. Madden

2013-14 LCIF Chairman, Past International President

SAVING SIGHT

Lions save sight in many ways. LCIF supports their sight-saving efforts through programmes such as SightFirst, which helps Lions build comprehensive eye care systems in underserved communities to prevent blindness and vision loss, as well as caring for those who are blind or visually impaired.

A simple pair of eyeglasses can bring the biggest smile to a child's face. Seeing clearly can help a child read better, participate in sports and so much more. LCIF and Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Companies (JJVCC) have been working together to help millions of children see more clearly and bring smiles to their faces through their Sight for Kids partnership programme. Launched in Asia and led by local Lions, JJVCC employees and local partners, Sight for Kids engages eye care professionals who train teachers to conduct school-based vision screenings and eye health education in underserved communities. When needed, students are referred to local eye care professionals for eye tests, glasses, further treatment and

follow-up care at no cost.

Now, LCIF and JJVCC are expanding their Sight for Kids partnership to communities in Kenya and Turkey. These are the first two countries in Africa and Europe to receive Sight for Kids services. Through the programme, more than 20 million children in underserved schools and communities across the Asia Pacific region have already benefitted from Sight for Kids. The need for access to basic eye exams and treatment for school-aged children is global. Through this expansion, even more children will receive needed eye care.



• Happiness is...seeing!

PHOTOGRAPH BY DAN MORRIS



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SUPPORTING YOUTH

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• **Students in Ireland learn Life Skills through FCIF (Photograph by John Timmerman)**

LCIF's Lions Quest programme teaches character education, bullying prevention, drug awareness and service-learning to students from kindergarten upward. The American Institutes for Research completed in 2013 an independent evaluation of the Lions Quest programme. More than 1000 students were evaluated across all three programme areas – Skills for Growing, Skills for Adolescence, and Skills for Action. Students in all evaluated grades showed gains in social awareness, relationship skills and peer relationships. The research also noted reductions in disruptive and potentially harmful behaviour.

This study not only shows how effective Lions Quest is, but also positions LCIF and Lions as leaders in best practices in youth development. Lions make sure that Lions Quest programmes are implemented with fidelity, ensuring that students and teachers have the best possible conditions for learning and growth.

FIGHTING MEASLES

LCIF provides financial and volunteer support to reduce measles deaths worldwide by increasing access to measles vaccines where needed most. Through the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative, Lions are playing an increasingly central role in international efforts to end measles. In 2013, LCIF partnered with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, to protect millions of children against measles where vaccines are needed the most. More than 100 million children will be vaccinated through the partnership.

LCIF has committed to raising US\$30 million by 2017 to improve access to vaccines through Gavi. The funds will be matched by the United Kingdom's Department for International Development and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, bringing the total to US\$60 million. Lions also play a key role in mobilising people for vaccination campaigns.

In celebration of World Immunization Week, April 24-30 in

2014, LCIF launched a 30-day challenge to raise US\$1 million for the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative. Measles donations to LCIF during the month of April were matched by the family of Lion Abhey and Past District Governor Aruna Oswal of New Delhi, India, up to US\$500,000. Lions exceeded the challenge, raising a total of US\$1.3 million to combat measles.



• **A Lion in Nepal vaccinates schoolchildren**

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• Lions provide food to families in the Philippines

PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF

The LCIF Emergency Grant programme provides financial support to Lions engaged in disaster response for immediate needs. Major Catastrophe Grants provide substantial funding for disasters with major impact.

In November 2013, Typhoon Haiyan struck Southeast Asia, devastating the Philippines. The typhoon was believed to be the largest storm ever to hit land. Entire villages were obliterated and millions of people in the region were affected, many of them left homeless. LCIF immediately mobilised a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant for relief efforts, followed by another US\$30,000 for immediate needs. Designated donations from Lions worldwide poured in, surpassing US\$1 million in the wake of the disaster.

IMPROVING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Through its humanitarian grants, LCIF provides matching funds to support Lions' efforts to improve vital public service institutions and programmes in their local communities. For example, with the help of a US\$5000 International Assistance Grant from LCIF, Lions in Portland, Oregon, purchased wall charts and an autorefractor to test visual acuity. The Lions teamed with three Clubs in Peru – the Lambayque Ciudad Evocadora Lions Club, the Llampallec Lions Club and the Lambayeque Ciudad Evocadora Leo Club. Together, they organised health fairs, conducted hearing and vision screenings and distributed more than 250 pairs of eyeglasses to people in need in Peru. The Portland Lions also certified six local Lions on the correct use and operation of the autorefractor, enabling the local Lions to continue their vision screening work.

FINANCIALS

In fiscal year 2013-14, Lions, their partners and friends generously donated US\$43.9 million to LCIF. The Foundation awarded 538 grants totaling US\$46,021,590. View the rest of the Foundation's finances at:

lcif.org/resources/EN/pdfs/lcif/financial_statement.pdf.

Thank you for believing in LCIF!

GRANTS AWARDED 2013-14

Saving Sight	\$13,087,642
Combating Measles & Rubella	\$7,595,573
Providing Disaster Relief	\$1,276,000
Supporting Youth	\$1,982,539
Improving Communities	\$22,079,836



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New School Provides Opportunity

Valuing education but lacking resources, parents in Kemba in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) built a one-room schoolhouse with mud and straw. Those raw materials proved to be less than ideal. The walls crumbled. The school lacked windows, desks, chairs and bathrooms. Rain poured through the holes in the roof. The 140 students learned amid dismal conditions.

Aware that the literacy rate is about 30 per cent in the DRC and illiteracy dims work prospects and limits even access to health care, the Acqui Terme Host Lions Club in Italy set out to help Kemba parents. The Club teamed up with the Kinshasa Bondeko Lions to build a new primary school.

The Acqui Terme Host Lions drew up plans for a school that would encompass four buildings: two with 12 classrooms each, one to house four staff offices and a library, and a separate building for restroom facilities. The Lions held a gala to raise funds to support the project and received help from other local Lions Clubs. The Acqui e Colline Acquesi, Cortemilia e Valli, Nizza-Canelli and Carpentras Comptat Venaissin Lions donated time, money or materials.

The Lions then turned to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) for a US\$35,750 Standard Grant to raise the remaining funds needed to build and equip the school. LCIF's most common grant, Standard Grants provide matching funds from US\$10,000 to US\$100,000 for large-scale Lions humanitarian efforts. Standard Grants generally provide capital funding for equipment and infrastructure needs. Typically funded are mobile health units, hospices, medical equipment, blind and disabled centers, eye clinics and schools in developing countries.

Drawing up the plans proved to be the easy part of the project. Located approximately 137 miles southwest of the capital city of Kinshasa, Kemba does not have a strong roadway system. Most

Kemba residents get around on foot, so the streets are not equipped to handle heavy vehicle traffic. The main thoroughfares in the area are rivers, but there isn't a river close to Kemba. So building materials were brought downriver by boat and then taken via trucks to their final destination.

The Lions persevered and the new school is now up and running, providing a safe place for students and teachers alike. Lions expect this new school to serve up to 240 students when children from nearby villages start attending. The roof does not leak and the floor is made of concrete, not dirt. There are wooden doors and shutters on the windows. Students and teachers now have desks and chairs.

The work of the Acqui Terme Host Lions did not end once the school was built; they have pledged to send books, notebooks, pencils and other supplies to the school for the next five years. Thanks to Lions, Kemba now has one more tool to use in the fight against illiteracy and poverty.

To find out more about LCIF Standard grants, visit <http://www.lcif.org/EN/lions-center/grants/standard.php>.

Lion Cassandra Bannon

• Below: The new school in Kemba is a huge improvement.



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News update from MDHQ

Greetings Fellow Lions

Already hectic at MDHQ and it's only February. We were delighted to receive an invitation from Chair of Council Lion Michael Phillips requesting us to attend an evening meal with Council as a thank you. Unfortunately we were not able to attend on the evening of Council but we were pleased to attend the Past District Governor Dinner held during the weekend of Council. A first for us and lovely to see so many familiar faces.

To date we have participated in the Vice District Governor training weekend, closely followed by a CAC meeting and Council Meeting which involved both District Governors and First Vice District Governors. A meeting with the 1st Vice District Governors prior to Council was useful which helps establish a working relationship with them preparing for their year in Office.

Don't forget to book for MD Convention Birmingham 8th-10th May 2015, you can still book via the MD website or download a booking form and send it back to MDHQ completed or give MDHQ a call.

Have you had the chance to view the new International Website? It is well worth a look and contains so much useful information.

An important reminder to Club Secretaries - the majority of you are already used to reporting and maintain your membership records on the International database held at Oak Brook. Again we are requesting that Secretaries keep updating their membership records. So, Club Secretaries, if you haven't done so already please check your records and action this request. As you will appreciate we now only use this one database for all Club information therefore it is crucial that it is up to date.

So fellow Lions that's about all – as ever contact details are below.

Brigitte Green, Office Manager

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VISITING LIONS

This news item has not been published recently, but it will be resumed in the next and subsequent issues of LION

Beccles gives £1000 to Day Centre

Beccles and District Lions Club President Chris Eglington was joined by Lion Keith Coomber to present a cheque for £1000 to Alison Kerrison, Office Manager of the Sandra Chapman Centre at the James Paget University Hospital.

The Centre provides day treatment for people with Oncology and Haematology disorders, and since its opening in 1992 around 50 to 60 patients each day attend for treatments such as chemotherapy and blood transfusion.

Thanking the Beccles Lions, Alison said: "By using the Centre on a Day Care basis patients who previously had to stay in hospital for several days can now remain at home and in their community. Therefore all donations to the Centre are much appreciated and are spent on the latest medical equipment and staff training, as well as developing the service we provide along with improving the comfort of our patients and their relatives."

Lion President Chris said: "We are pleased to be able to



support the Centre in this way and know that the patients fully appreciate the help and support the Centre offers. It is amazing the difference it makes to peoples' lives by having the opportunity to use the Centre, and it offers a great boost to the community".

Lion Keith Coomber, who has had cause to use the Centre, added: "The staff do really make you feel so relaxed and comfortable while you are having treatment. They are so dedicated and helpful - they are fantastic!"

Banners and Awards

The Beccles Lions also combined two aspects of our organisation when they held a 'Banners and Service Awards' presentation evening.

In the tradition of passing on Club banners to fellow Lions Clubs when visiting, Lion Chris Lambert, while staying in Spain, exchanged the Club banner with several local and other Clubs. He

said: "Although I have only recently joined the Club I was amazed at the kind hospitality and friendship shown by fellow Lions on my travels. It demonstrates that the Lions organisation is truly International."

On the same evening Lion President Chris Eglington presented Service Awards to two Club members. Lion Keith Coomber had served the Club for 30 years and been President. He said: "This is a great honour. I have never regretted joining Lions. I have made many friends within the Club and in serving the community in that time."

The second Service Award was for Lion Ivan Holmes, who sadly passed away last summer. Ivan's wife Mandy came along to the evening and accepted his 35-year Service Award. She was also presented with a framed copy of a special poem titled "I'm a Lion" which had been written by fellow Club member PDG Lion David Woodruff, and which he read as part of the eulogy at Ivan's funeral.

Thanking the Lions for their support at a very difficult time, Mandy presented the Club with a cheque from the donations generously given in lieu of flowers.





Executive

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. The audited financial statements as of June 30, 2014, for The International Association of Lions Clubs and Lions Clubs International Foundation were reviewed and approved. The audited financial statements will be available following the board meeting.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Appointed the members of the District 301-A1 Advisory Committee.
2. Established the purpose, goals and objective and changed the name of the Advisory Committee to Review Potential Vice-President Candidates and revised Chapter 11 of the Board Policy Manual accordingly
3. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2015 International Convention to amend the International Constitution and by-laws to re-instate the office of International Third Vice President.
4. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2015 International Convention to amend the International Constitution to re-allocate Board representation.
5. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2015 International Convention to amend the International By-Laws to change the name of the "Leadership Committee" to "Leadership Development" Committee

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

1. Revised start times on the official convention schedule of events.
2. Established per diem allowances for appointed Credentials Committee serving without other reimbursements, District Governors-elect and District Governors-elect Faculty and headquarters staff attending the Honolulu convention.
3. Revised policy to update procedures, appointments and systems in Chapter VIII, Paragraph E in the Board Policy Manual related to Credentials and Election Procedures.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Amended the Club Excellence Award and the DG Team Excellence Award to encourage electronic reporting and communication.
2. Expanded District 403 B1 to include the country of San Tome and Principe.
3. Approved redistricting proposals for District 1-E and District 1-L (Illinois); District 14-A and 14-R (Pennsylvania); Multiple District 29 (West Virginia); Multiple District 13 (Canada and Montana); and Multiple District 104 (Norway); to take place at the adjournment of the 2015 International Convention. Approved re-districting proposals submitted by District 106 A and District 106 B (Denmark) and Multiple District 13 (Ohio), to take place at the adjournment of the 2016 International Convention.
4. Appointed Lions to fill district governor vacancies.
5. Revised the Board Policy Manual to modernise the process for providing address information by replacing mailing labels with electronic data formats..
6. Amended the Board Policy Manual to allow name badges to be made for new titles as noted in the Lions Clubs International Official Protocol and as determined by the International or Executive Administrator.

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved the recommended changes to the General Fund and Emergency Reserve Fund Investments Policy Statements (IPS). Changes include:

- The median or modelled return will be adjusted annually based on the Callan Five-Year Capital Markets Projection and the approved strategic asset allocation. The expected return will be reviewed with the committee annually and incorporated into the quarterly reviews.
- Technical Changes: These include modification of portfolio benchmark (s), reinstatement of the existing asset management bandwidth, use of more relevant peer groups and indices, etc.
- Correcting minor typographical errors

2. Approved minor revisions to the Lions Clubs International Purchasing Policy.
3. Approved the 2014-2015 1st Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.
4. Approved in creasing the annual spending from the General Fund investments by an additional US\$4 million for fiscal year 2014-2015.
5. Amended Chapter XX11, Paragraph E.d. of the Board Policy Manual by replacing "US\$.41 per mile (US\$.25 per kilometre)" with US\$.50 per mile (US\$.31 per kilometre) effective July 1, 2015.
6. Deleted Chapter IX, Paragraph C.4.c. (2) of the Board Policy Manual in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

Charter air travel may be authorised in advance By the Finance and Headquarters Operation Committee where travel by commercial air is not feasible and significant cost savings may be realised.
7. Deleted Chapter IX, Paragraph C.4.g. of the Board Policy Manual in its entirety, effective July 1 2015. As agreed at the Toronto, effective July 1 2015, district governors will no longer be reimbursed for office expenses; instead an increase in mileage rate was approved. This deletion reflects this change.
8. Approved a housekeeping revision to Chapter XII, Paragraph E.1 of the Board Policy Manual to update travel rules to reflect practice, as well as current titles.
9. Deleted Chapter X11, Paragraph E4., 1.3, and 1.5 of the Board Policy Manual as these policies are included in the Employee Handbook and have no financial impact.
10. Approved a housekeeping revision replacing the words "Rule No." with "section" in Chapter IX, Paragraph C.2.b of the Board Policy Manual.
11. Approved a housekeeping revision to Chapter XXII, Paragraph E.b.(3) to clarify the hotel and meal reimbursement.
12. Amended Chapter XI, Paragraph D.2.a. of the Board Policy Manual by deleting the sentence "This forecast will reflect expenses equal to or less than revenues." This is in conflict with the association's long-term strategic plan to subsidize any deficits with funds from the General Fund Investments.
13. Amended Chapter XXII, Paragraph C. of the Board Policy Manual, effective July 1, 2015, to modestly increase the maximum in-district budgets for international directors, past international presidents, and past international directors as follows:

International directors	US\$6,200 to US\$9,000
Past international presidents	US\$8,000 to US\$10,000
Past international directors	US\$3,000 to US\$4,000

LCIF

1. Revised the Investment Policy Statement by revising the target allocations for the Humanitarian Fund, further defining the alternative target allocations, and several administrative changes.

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2. Approved 56 Standard, International Assistance and Core 4 grants, totaling US\$2,740,733.
3. Approved a Core 4 disability grant in the amount of US\$1,563,300, which represents the 2015 budget for the Lions-Special Olympics Mission Inclusion program.
4. Approved a Core 4 board-directed grant in the amount of US\$100,000, which represents the 2015 budget for the Lions-Aga Khan Development Network tree planting initiative.
5. Delegated the authority to select the nominees for the 2015 Humanitarian Award to the LCI Executive Officers.
6. Placed a moratorium on the consideration of all new grant requests from District 321-C2, effective immediately, and further stipulated that District 321-C2 return all funds disbursed for GA10907/321-C2 by December 31, 2014, or the moratorium will continue through July 1, 2017.
7. Amended Chapter 2 (Operations) of the LCIF Operations and Policy Manual to include several housekeeping updates on the sections of budget management, LCIF expenses, grant approval policy and financial reports.
8. Amended Chapter 3 (Grants) of the LCIF Operations and Policy Manual to include housekeeping update that US\$100,000 is the maximum amount available for standard grants.
9. Amended Exhibit D (Forms of Recognition) of the LCIF Operations and Policy Manual to include information on the criteria for the Chairperson's Medal and where it fits in the hierarchy of LCIF awards.
10. Amended Chapter 16, Paragraph B (Humanitarian Grants Financial Spending Policy) of the Board Policy Manual to reflect the revised Investment Policy Statement.
11. Amended Chapter 16, Paragraph E (General Reimbursement Policies) of the Board Policy Manual regarding mileage.
12. Amended Chapter 16, Paragraph F (Endowment Funds) of the Board Policy Manual in order to be compliant.
13. Amended Chapter 16, Paragraph I (Investments) of the Board Policy Manual to reflect the revised Investment Policy Statement and eliminate unnecessary language.

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

1. Approved a Faculty Development Institute for qualified Lions in North America, to be conducted in 2014-2015.
2. Approved the curriculum plan and schedule for the 2015 District Governors-elect Seminar in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.
3. Approved a Faculty Development Institute for qualified Lions in Central and Eastern Europe, to be conducted in May 2015.
4. Approved curriculum and funding support for an Emerging Lions Leadership Institute for qualified Lions in Africa, to be conducted in early 2015.
5. Requested that the Constitution and By-laws Committee draft language for a by-laws amendment, to be reported to the delegates for vote at the 2015 International Convention, changing the name of the Leadership Committee of the International Board to "Leadership Development Committee."

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Determined that a reallocation of board seats be presented for approval to the delegates at the 2015 Convention as a constitutional amendment. This reallocation would reduce the number of International Directors elected

from Constitutional Area I, and would increase the number of international directors elected from Constitutional Areas V and VI.

2. Decided that a constitution and by-laws amendment to reinstate the office of third vice-president be presented to the delegates for approval at the 2015 International Convention.
3. Renamed the Special Centennial Planning Committee the "Centennial Action Committee."

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Approved "Join Together," a new club pilot program for two years to charter Lions clubs or form club branches at existing community based non-profits in USA, Canada, the British Isles and Ireland, Sweden and Australia.
2. Approved the Centennial Membership Program with an implementation date of April 1, 2015.
3. Amended the international family and women coordinator job description to include reimbursement for approved forum expenses and be retroactive for approved forums in the current fiscal year.
4. Approved a pilot program for a family and women structure that mirrors the GMT and GLT structure in constitutional areas V and VI.
5. Approved the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe to become the 210th country/territory.
6. Amended the Board Policy Manual for the extended billing adjustment period for Campus Lions clubs that effective July 1, 2015 campus clubs have through March 31 for the January per capita billing and through September 30 for the July per capita billing to amend their club roster.
7. Approved the name change from the "Extension and Membership Division" to the "Membership Development Division."

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Changed the centennial grant program to award up to US\$1,500 per district (not to exceed US\$15,000) and up to US\$2,500 for single districts.
2. Approved to convert all official editions of Lion Magazine from a print to a digital format by January 1, 2018.
3. Changed Chapter XVII of the Board Policy Manual to require centennial related articles in all editions of Lion Magazine.
4. Inserted Lions Clubs International Foundation Executive Administrator into the Order of Precedence immediately after the position of Association Treasurer.
5. Increased Leadership Awards from 1280 to 1680 for Lions year 2014-2015.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Established the positions of multiple district and district Reading Action Program (RAP) chairpersons beginning in fiscal year 2015-2016, and encourage all council of governors and district governors to appoint RAP chairpersons for one-year terms.
2. Selected Leos and Lions to serve as members and alternates for the Leo Club Advisory Panel for the term of November 2014 - October 2016.
3. Changed the name of the Leo of the Year Award to Leos of the Year Award.

For more information on any of the above resolutions, please refer to the LCI Web site at www.lionsclubs.org or contact the International Office at 630-571-5466.

Boxing Day Hangover Cure

More than 150 brave souls took to the briny to take part in Llandudno Lions Club's annual Boxing Day Sea Dip. This event was originally organised by the St George's Hotel on the seafront, whose Manager way back then was Michael Forte of the family of hoteliers, and who was a member of the Lions Club.

In the late 80s/early 90s the event, which Lion Michael and his staff used to run as an entertainment for guests over the Christmas period, was handed over to the Lions as a fund-raising activity. (The hotel still hosts the event and provides warm blankets and hot soup for the dippers).

Many dippers raise funds for their own charities, but a lot of them donate their sponsorship to the Lions, whose chosen main charity this time was Alzheimers. The Lions reckon that some £10,000 was raised in all for charities, which included MDNA, Happy Faces, McMillan, the British Heart Foundation, the local Children's Hospice, the Brain and Spine Foundation, St David's Hospice and many more.



Panto Time in Liskeard

Robin Hood, and some, if not all of his Merry Men (and Ladies) came to Liskeard for the Lions Club's 20th Pantomime production at the end of January. The prime aim was to have an evening of light hearted entertainment for the pensioners, parishioners and, of course children who continue to value and support the work that is carried out by the Lions Club of Liskeard.

The Club, in the person of Lion Mair Fear, sent in an excellent report, much of which we will use in the next issue, but time is flying towards our press cut off, and, as they say 'one picture is worth a thousand words...!'

• Sam as Maid Marion, Will Scarlet, Friar Tuck and Robin Hood



• Lion Mair Fear is the witch in green



• Horsing about! Eden as horse and Les as Lord Gregory



• Cheque to scouts



• 'Lion dancers'



• The cast, Our President Sue is on the left and does all the make-up.

Christmas isn't just for Children!



As this delightful picture proves. It was taken when Gladys, who is well blessed in years, visited Santa at the local Morrisons. The supermarket had invited members of Cannock Lions Club to give Santa a hand when he visited the town. He greeted young and old as they came in.

Santa's magnificent sleigh was built and donated to the Lions Club by J. Kelsall Builders, and the gifts were donated by Morrisons (well, Santa would have had his work cut out carting everything around...)

A fabulous time was had by all and Santa brought a smile to many faces, not just that of Gladys.

Lions Music Competition 2015

**The chosen instrument for the 2015
Lions Music Competition is the clarinet**

The finals will be held at the Birmingham Conservatoire on 11 April, when the winner will be chosen. He or she will then go forward to play for Delegates at the Multiple District Convention in Birmingham in May before going on to compete against other winners from Europe at the Europa Forum in Augsburg, Germany which is to be held 9-11 October 2015.

Youth Celebr

Our 7th District Youth Celebration held on Sunday 16th November at Elstree for over 400 Special Needs young people, and carers was a great success with help and support from many Lions and generous sponsors. The District Youth Committee, Lions Alastair Joel, Vivien Raggett, Kishore Pattni, John Savell, Satnam Loyal and myself worked hard over the previous months to organise the event and we would like to thank all the Lions, Leos and family members who worked tirelessly to make it successful and enjoyable for all our guests.

The hall, stage, and tables were all colourfully decorated in orange and yellow and just after 1pm the guests started arriving. All our hard work was worth it to see a room full of happy smiling faces. Everyone who came had a great time as was evident from the comments left on tables and also from many emails received. We had nearly 500 people including the Mayor of Barnet, our DG, 1st VDG, IPDG and many Lions and Leos of 105-A.

Our DJ Nimesh kept everyone busy dancing to music all afternoon and everyone was on their feet when Jay Kumar with his group of dancers showed off their Bollywood moves. Balloon modelling maestro Ritchie was equally in demand with a long queue of excited children waiting for their favourite balloon shapes. Our brilliant artist Sami was kept busy for over three hours with eagerly waiting customers for their turn to be painted with a design of their choice while the two clowns and our own Lions were also busy entertaining. It was a wonderful sight to see so many having a great time.

We would like to thank the following Clubs for supporting DYC 2014 by sponsoring and booking tables. Aylesbury, Biggleswade Sandy, Bletchley Milton Keynes, Chipping Barnet, Ealing, Eaton Bray & Edlesborough, Edgware, Fairlop, Harpenden, Harrow & Pinner, Hayes & Harlington, Hemel Hempstead, Hitchin, High Wycombe, Kenton, Letchworth & Baldock, London Acton, London Belmont, London Central, London Chinatown, London Covent Garden, London Golders Green, London Hendon, London Host, London Kingsbury, London Mill Hill, London Seven Kings, London Swiss Cottage, Luton, Milton Keynes Central, Moor Park, Northwood, Royston, Ruislip, Staines & Ashford, Stanmore, Stevenage Corey's Mill, Sudbury, Thame & District, Tring, Wanstead & Woodford and Watford.

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Swimming with the Lions

More than 150 swimmers gathered on the beach at Bray, Co. Wicklow on New Year's Day to plunge into a cool Irish Sea. They were taking part in Bray Lions Charity Sea Swim which raised funds for five local charities. Established 32 years ago as a fun event, the annual Lions Charity Sea Swim is now an integral part of the Bray calendar with swimmers from nine to 90 maintaining a proud tradition.

Over the years the event has raised more than €310,000 for local causes and this year's proceeds will help 'Bray Carers for Carers', Bray Stroke Club, Bray Poor Relief Fund, Enable Ireland and Bray Lions Senior Citizens Fund.

This year's army of brave swimmers included Minister Simon Harris, TD, his brother Adam, a former Lions MD105 'Young Ambassador of the Year' and the Winchester family from Kenya.

Said Bray Lions Club project leader John McEvoy:



• Pictured is Lion Tony Foran with two of the lifeguards who keep a close eye on the swimmers.

With many of the swimmers turning out in fancy dress, this is always a very enjoyable and colourful event which raises funds for a wide range of charities'

Sophie can now join the Wheelies Club

Sophie attends School in Cornwall and now that she has got her new pink trike her main aim is to join the school wheelies club (an after school club) where the children are taught how to ride their bikes correctly and learn about road safety. Sophie is nine years old and lives in Camborne. Her diagnosis is quadriplegic cerebral palsy, which it affects all four limbs. She cannot sit or walk unaided but she has a real determination in life and will give anything a try. The trike will give her freedom and independence to ride with her sister 13 year old Katie and 10 year old brother Joe and join the 'Wheelies club' with her peers.

The cost of the trike was £2522, of which £500 from the Camborne Redruth & District Lions Club, £800 came from the family fund, £250 from Redruth Searchlight, £250 from Glow Warm Heating Camborne and £500 from the Pirate Trust.



• Pictured is Sophie with her mum, Cheryl Wilson and Camborne Redruth & District Lion's Club President Paul Bray.



The Fight Against River Blindness in the Americas Advances



Lions remain active in the fight against onchocerciasis, and international efforts to eliminate the disease have made significant advances in the last year. International Second Vice President Bob Corlew and a delegation of international Lions leadership traveled to Mexico City in November to participate in the XXIV InterAmerican Conference on Onchocerciasis (IACO), an annual meeting for partners of the Onchocerciasis Elimination Program for the Americas (OEPA) to celebrate achievements in the elimination of onchocerciasis, also known as river blindness, and to discuss potential solutions to remaining challenges.

Mexico has now eliminated disease transmission and completed the post-treatment surveillance period. Officials have submitted its dossier to the World Health Organization (WHO) for disease elimination verification. If confirmed, Mexico will become the third country in the region to receive verification of elimination of onchocerciasis. The government of Guatemala also is preparing to start the official process to request confirmation from WHO. In 2013, Colombia became the first country confirmed by the WHO as free of onchocerciasis, and Ecuador in September became the second country to receive confirmation.

While at the conference in Mexico City, Corlew and other Lion leaders met with former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, a Lion, and Mary Anne Peters, CEO of The Carter Center and a former ambassador, to discuss the ongoing partnership between Lions and The Carter Center, which began in 1999.

"We are making huge strides toward halting onchocerciasis," says Corlew. "Thanks to the work of our partners and the generosity of our Lions, we are preventing blindness and creating a future free from this debilitating disease."

Onchocerciasis is a parasitic infection that causes extreme itching and eye lesions, and may lead to disfiguring skin diseases, low vision and irreversible blindness. Transmission of onchocerciasis in the Americas now continues only in the border region between Venezuela and Brazil among the Yanomami population. Interrupting onchocerciasis transmission in

this region poses a significant challenge because the Yanomami people are migratory and live deep in the Amazon rainforest.

During the IACO conference, the ministries of health of Venezuela and Brazil committed to working together with The Carter Center, OEPA and other partners to eliminate onchocerciasis from this region by 2019. The Carlos Slim Foundation donated US\$6.8 million to OEPA to support elimination efforts among the Yanomami people.

Since Lions-Carter Center partnership began, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has provided US\$6.3 million to Latin America via The Carter Center for onchocerciasis control, plus additional funds to help Lions in Brazil, Ecuador and other impacted countries support national onchocerciasis control projects. Latin America now has less than 1 percent of the world's river blindness. About 120 million people remain at risk in Africa.



• A health worker Union Victoria, Guatemala, measures a child prior to administering the correct dosage of Mectizan® to prevent river blindness

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