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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



## Our Second Century to Surpass the First

This year, Dianne and I had the privilege to travel the world during Lions' centennial year. We visited a crime-filled Trinidad neighbourhood where Lions built a lovely playground to provide an oasis of peace. We put on big waders and helped Lions clean a stream in a city in Korea. We celebrated inclusion with Special Olympics at our UN Day in New York, chartered new Lions and Leos Clubs and took an epic bus tour, in which we witnessed Lions' passion for service in small towns and big cities.

### ADAPT AND GROW

What struck me was how Lions constantly adapt, change and grow. We may be 100 years old, but we are youth-like in so many ways. Despite the challenge and exertion involved, we do indeed climb new mountains. Lions who do vision screenings started a fully-fledged clinic. Lions who operated a clinic started doing cataract surgeries. Lions with a two-storey hospital added a third storey. We keep doing more and more.

I've talked to many people served by Lions and realised anew how appreciative people are. My respect for Lions has grown exponentially. Time and time again I've seen how effective our projects are. We've been good about evolving as the world changes. We must continue to provide direction to change.

### OUR SECOND CENTURY

Overall, Lions Clubs International (LCI) is poised for a great second century. We achieved our goal of serving 100 million

people almost two years early. We established the Welcome Home programme, aimed at former Lions, continued to embrace technology, both among Clubs and at LCI and worked together to alleviate humanitarian crises, such as the refugee problems and natural disasters.

### CHICAGO

At our 100th convention in Chicago, our centennial torch will be part of the celebration. Its light symbolises that we are 'lights to our communities'. We bring our service to places filled with darkness and provide hope and opportunity. It's a flame of unity, too. We are one big family that works together.

Thanks to everyday Lions like yourself, I know our second century will be even better than the first. Dianne and I thank you for your hospitality and warmth this year, for your service year after year and hope to see you in Chicago.

**Chancellor Bob Corlew**  
Lions Clubs International President



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# Editorial



## HELLO EVERYONE

Sometimes it can be hard to think what to write for this column, but then all I have to do is read through all the stories we have in this issue and some inspiration rubs off.

First and foremost, let's say "good luck and take care" to Ireland as they embark on their new beginnings (page 52) to become Single District 133 Ireland, after 62 years as part of MD 105. They leave us with wonderful memories and we wish them all well.

Of course, the 2017 MD Centennial Convention was held in Blackpool last April. It was my first convention and definitely one of my spring highlights, there is a full report starting on page 18 for you and I just want to say again here that I was overwhelmed by the friendly, family atmosphere. It was a big old venue to fill, but it overflowed with Lions and their joie de vivre.

While he was here in our green and pleasant land, and fresh from convention, International President, Bob Corlew and Lion Diane Corlew were treated to a cruise along the River Dee with Chester Lions. They chose the very best, perfect spring evening (see the report on page 15) the pictures show a very happy bunch of travellers.

On pages 24 and 25, let us introduce you to the incoming District Governors, it's always good to put a name to a face and for a nosey bird (me) it's nice to find out a bit about what makes people tick.

One more suggestion for a good read; just have a look at page 22 to see the story about how Telford Lions kept the BBC DIY SOS crew supplied with tea and cake (5,000 drinks and 3,500 pieces of cake) over the NINE days of filming a programme.

I'm exhausted just thinking about it...

## NEW DIGITAL LION

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Keep in touch won't you, especially with your centennial projects.

**Nicky Rogers**  
**Lion Editor**



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# NEW MEMBERS

## The Pride of Lions



Lions respond where there is a need and there is power in numbers, so we are delighted to welcome our new members who joined during March and April 2017.

### DISTRICT 105-A

Feltham & Whitton	1
High Wycombe	1
London Central Host	2
London Hendon	1
Ruislip	2
The Palace of Westminster	1
Waltham Forest	1
<b>TOTAL NEW MEMBERS</b>	<b>9</b>

### DISTRICT 105-C

Barnsley District	2
Beverley Westwood	1
Denby Dale District	1
Driffeld District	1
Elmet	2
Featherstone	1
Goole District	1
Mexborough	2
North Wolds	1
Rothwell District	1
Tickhill & District	1
<b>TOTAL NEW MEMBERS</b>	<b>14</b>

### DISTRICT 105-D

Fleet	1
Isle of Wight Sandown Shanklin	2
Poole	1
Ringwood & Fordingbridge	1
Westbury	3
Wokingham Berks	1
<b>TOTAL NEW MEMBERS</b>	<b>9</b>

### District 105-E

Bourne	3
Glanford & Lindsey	3
Grantham	2
Grimsby Cleethorpes	2
Horncastle & District	1
Loughborough	1
North Notts	1
<b>TOTAL NEW MEMBERS</b>	<b>13</b>

### DISTRICT 105-I

Ballina	1
Ballymena	2
Carlow	1
Carrickmacross	1
Castletroy & District	1
Dublin	1
Dublin Castleknock	3
Ennis	4
Naas	1
Newbridge-Kildare	1
Newcastle West	1
Portarlinton	1
Sugar Loaf	3
Swords & District	3
Tralee	1
Tullamore	1
Waterford	1
<b>TOTAL NEW MEMBERS</b>	<b>27</b>

### DISTRICT 105-M

Birmingham Exhibition	1
Birmingham Moseley & Kings Heath	1
Corby & District	1
Coventry Mercia	1
Kettering & District	1
Shakespeare	1
Southam	1
<b>TOTAL NEW MEMBERS</b>	<b>7</b>

### DISTRICT 105-W

Bristol Brunel	2
Calne	1
Chepstow & Caldicot	1
Ross on Wye	3
Severn Dean	1
<b>TOTAL NEW MEMBERS</b>	<b>8</b>

### DISTRICT 105-BN

Douglas Valley	1
Fleetwood & Cleveleys	2
Isle of Man	1
Keswick	2
Lancaster Morecambe	2
<b>TOTAL NEW MEMBERS</b>	<b>8</b>

### DISTRICT 105-BS

Burntwood	1
Colwyn Bay & District	1
Llandudno	1
Stone	2
<b>TOTAL NEW MEMBERS</b>	<b>5</b>

### DISTRICT 105-EA

Brentwood	1
Downham Market	1
East Anglia	1
East Anglia Centennial 100	1
Halesworth	1
Haverhill	1
Hunstanton	1
North Walsham District	1
Southend on Sea	1
<b>TOTAL NEW MEMBERS</b>	<b>9</b>

### DISTRICT 105-NE

Alnwick	2
Easingwold District	2
Filey	1
Malton Norton	1
Morpeth	1
Scarborough	2
Yarm District	1
<b>TOTAL NEW MEMBERS</b>	<b>10</b>

### DISTRICT 105-SE

Billingshurst & District	1
Chichester	2
Hailsham	1
Leatherhead & District	1
Littlehampton District	1
Northfleet & Ebbsfleet	1
Tenterden	3
Woking	1
Worthing	1
<b>TOTAL NEW MEMBERS</b>	<b>12</b>

### DISTRICT 105-SW

Barnstaple	1
Bodmin	1
Budleigh Salterton	1
Callington	1
Launceston	1
Looe	4
Minehead & District	1
Okehampton	1
Paignton Torbay	1
Penzance	1
South Molton	1
Tavistock	1
Tiverton	1
Torpoint & Rame Peninsula	2
Weston super Mare	2
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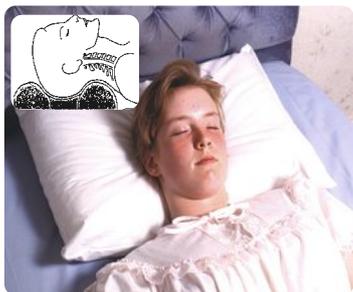
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# CENTENNIAL PROJECTS



## Celebrating 100 Years of Service

Centennial Celebration Legacy Projects are visible gifts to your local community that commemorate our Centennial and create a lasting legacy of your service contributions.

Your Legacy Project will serve as a reminder of just how important your Club is to the community during the Centennial and beyond. All Lions Clubs around the world are encouraged to complete a Legacy Project by 30th June 2018, and it's never too early to start planning.

## Lottery Pays for Centenary Night Out

Telford Lions wanted to do something special for the Lions Centenary and a flyer about the Big Lottery Celebration Grant scheme set their thoughts in motion. The result was an application for the cost of running a free concert for local senior citizen and carer groups on the theme of 100 years of music.

The award was granted so the local theatre was booked, the prize-winning Jackfield Brass Band and the Shifnal and District Male Voice Choir agreed to take part.

The original idea was a free concert but the theatre's ticket booking system required a payment so a ticket price of £1 was set, this would include the performance, a programme and refreshments at the interval. The ticket price was refunded via a seat number raffle which ensured that one person from each row went home with an envelope containing £20.

The event programme presented an opportunity to give out information about Telford Lions Club and the Centenary and Message in a Bottle.

On the night there was almost a full house, including the Mayor of Oakengates, the Mayor of Wellington and the Lions own District Governor, Steve Shields.

To end the evening a group of Club members lined the route to the exit giving out Lion bars to everyone as they went out. There were lots of complimentary comments as people left; it was especially gratifying to hear how much people had enjoyed the friendly happy atmosphere and a rare opportunity to attend such an event.

## Lions Clubs Honoured in Swords St Patrick's Day Parade

Members from five North Dublin (Fingal) Lions Clubs – Swords & District, Malahide, Portmarnock, Howth-Sutton and Balbriggan, were given the honour of leading the Swords St Patrick's Day Parade by Fingal County Council, in recognition of the Lions Centennial year.

Swords Lions President, Sean Quigley, was the Parade Grand Marshall, accompanied by Marion Conneely. Swords Lions have taken part in the parade since 2013 and this year invited the other four Fingal Clubs to join in. Members handed out balloons and jellies to families on route and two suited Lions interacted wonderfully with the crowd.



PICTURED:  
(IMAGE COURTESY...)



# Bletchely Gardeners

Bletchely Lions are working on two gardening projects in Milton Keynes to mark the Centennial. One is MacIntyre in Fletcher Mews and the other is the Milton Keynes hospital garden.



PICTURED: Taking a breather in Fletcher Mews



PICTURED: The choir and band



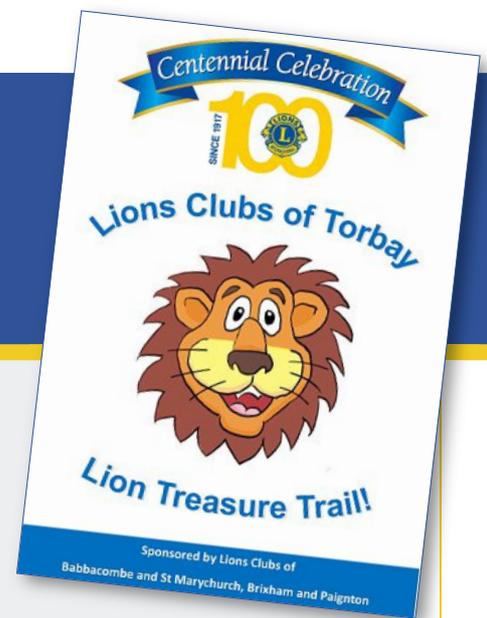
The full group showing banners for different Clubs  
(IMAGE COURTESY OF PETER KEALY, SWORDS)



PICTURED: Lions en route  
(IMAGE COURTESY OF PETER KEALY, SWORDS)



# CENTENNIAL PROJECTS



## Lions Clubs of Torbay Lion Treasure Trail

To celebrate the Centennial, Babbacombe & St. Marychurch Lions Club, Brixham Lions Club and Paignton Lions Club have organised a Lions treasure trail across Torbay.

There will be 100 toy lions in shops, hotels and restaurants throughout Torquay, Paignton and Brixham. Each lion will be placed with leaflets providing information on each Club in the bay, what they do, who they have helped and contact details. The lions will also be accompanied by a treasure map, which is to encourage families to hunt out



**PICTURED:** Centennial Project Will Benefit Clubs Across the Country

as many of the 100 lions as they can for the chance to win a prize.

The project will run between May 2017 and September 2017 as a way of raising awareness of Lions Clubs over the peak tourist season. Torbay, also known as the English Riviera, sees approximately 1.7 million visitors each day during the summer holidays, so a perfect time to carry out this project. The Clubs have also been promoting the project on social media and in the local newspapers to encourage Torbay residents to take part, which is already hugely successful with over 4,000 views on the first post within a day.

This is a joint project with all three Clubs, who have been working together on the project since December 2016. They have sourced 100 lion teddies, 100 display boxes, 200 posters and 5,000 leaflets on a small budget, without compromising quality. Lion Jodie Ward of Babbacombe & St Marychurch Lions Clubs, who has created the artwork for the posters and leaflets said: "This project has the potential to be huge and benefit clubs across the country. It's a bit of fun for the kids, and their parents get to learn more about us and what we do. All three of the Clubs are really keen and excited, it's something different for the Centennial. It has already created a huge buzz in the area and within the district."

At the end of the project, the Clubs will be donating the toy lions to Torbay hospital to use with both their ambulance service and within the children's ward.

## How to Make the World a Better Place

Year 6 children at Sandford Hill Primary School in Stoke on Trent were challenged by Stoke on Trent Lions Club to take part in a District 105BS competition as part of the centenary celebrations. The children were asked to write in under 100 words, 'How to Make the World a Better Place'.

Pictured is winner, Tegan Dedicoat receiving her £25 prize from Lion Bill.

Stoke Lions would like to congratulate the school for sending in so many excellent entries. A cheque for £100 was presented to the school, which already has a wonderful community programme. Plans for Stoke Lions to work closely with them in the future are now in place. These children could be Lions of the future and Tegan's winning piece will now go forward to the district competition.



**PICTURED:** Tegan Dedicoat receiving her prize from Lion Bill



# Civic Recognition for Lions 100th Anniversary

## Star Gazing in Callington

Where there's a need, Lions like to roll up their sleeves and get stuck in. The latest community project undertaken by Callington Lions Club, not only required elbow grease but tonnes of concrete as well. The outdoor area available to Callington Scouts and Beavers was overgrown, muddy, dark and damp, and filled with rubbish.

It took five weekends of choreographed activity to transform the space. Cleared, levelled, resurfaced and re-fenced, the result was a transformation that would please everyone. Yes it was hard work but so many people helped. As well as Lions, there were volunteers from the scouts, town council and even local people who offered their time and equipment to make a difference.

During a lull in proceedings (for a well-earned pasty break) a volunteer was asked "so when you enquired about joining Lions six days ago was this what you had in mind?" the response was a resounding YES! As passers-by wondered what was going on, the work continued apace and the construction of a seating wall completed the project.

The scout leaders were full of great ideas for how the space would improve the opportunities they could offer. Raised beds for gardens, outdoor activity badges and fire lighting. Even star gazing. Star gazing? Yes, now they have a secure outdoor area, so that during overnight camps in the hall they can come out and gaze at the night sky to learn the constellations.

So will they be able to find Leo? It arrives in the night sky in March, just as Callington Lions finished their centennial challenge for youth.



At a civic reception held at Normanby Hall to mark the Centenary year of Lions Clubs International, North Lincolnshire Mayor, Councillor Trevor Foster, said that it was an honour to recognise a voluntary group which had done so much for the North Lincolnshire community.

The Mayor welcomed 50 Lions who represented Lions serving the communities of north Lincolnshire through their Clubs in Barton on Humber, Brigg, Glanford Lindsey, the Isle of Axholme, Scunthorpe and Winterton.

Through their fundraising efforts in the past 12 months, these Clubs have given over £75K to worthy causes in the area. Recognising this amazing achievement and the work which has been carried out for many years the Mayor said: "It is only right that Lions Clubs should receive this recognition from the people in our area.

"The work you undertake and your constant effort for the benefit of the people of north Lincolnshire is amazing and I'm delighted that you are being recognised in this way."

Lions Clubs in the area have planned a number of events to mark the Centenary, including the opening of a centenary sensory garden on the Kingsway in Scunthorpe on 7th June, exactly 100 years to the day since the foundation of Lions Clubs.

Also on 7th June, Lions Clubs in this area joined with Clubs from north of the Humber to lay a line of tinned food across the complete span of the Humber Bridge. The tins were then distributed to foodbanks and shelters for the homeless across the region.





Thank you on behalf of us all for running the Virgin Money London Marathon 2017 with **'Team Lions'** for the Lions Centennial

- Jamie Bradbury     Lee Speight
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# Insights into Inheritance Tax planning

**B**ritain has some of the highest death duties of any country<sup>1</sup>. Beneficiaries have to pay 40% tax on each extra pound that is inherited above the nil-rate band of £325,000 (£650,000 for married couples or civil partners).

Yet the Conservative government has long promised to reform these so-called 'death duties'. In October 2007 the then shadow chancellor George Osborne announced that, if a Conservative government came to power, it would raise the IHT threshold to £1 million. However, the new government's first Budget in June 2010 did not contain any such proposal and, over the five-year parliamentary term, the tax was left largely unchanged. Consequently, the former chancellor announced that, from April 2017, a new dedicated tax-free allowance, then called the 'main residence nil-rate band', would be introduced to specifically help protect a residence from IHT.

## Standing by

The new allowance is totally separate from the existing nil-rate band, as it will only apply on transfers of a residence to direct descendants. It began its phasing in at £100,000 from April, increasing in £25,000 increments annually to £175,000 in 2020/21. From then on, it will increase each year in line with the Consumer Prices Index.

Like the existing nil-rate band, any unused fraction of the new allowance may be transferred to a surviving spouse or civil partner. Given this option, a couple could potentially have a total IHT tax-free limit of £1 million from 2020/21.

However, the rules are not straightforward and not everyone will gain. While the new allowance is consistent with the government's pledge to take most family homes out of IHT, it's also consistent with the former chancellor's fondness for finding complex solutions to simple problems.

For example, the new allowance only applies to a residence that is passed to children and grandchildren (including adopted, foster and step children), not to other family members. So those who do not have children cannot benefit from an increased allowance. What is more, unmarried partners cannot pass nil-rate bands to each other, meaning they can only have one £325,000 nil-rate band, and one £175,000 residence nil-rate band by 2020/21. This gives those individuals a maximum total allowance of £500,000.

**Furthermore, the allowance is progressively withdrawn once an estate tops £2 million (after deducting any liabilities, but before reliefs and exemptions such as Business Relief). The rate of withdrawal is £1 for every £2 over the £2 million limit. Thus an estate worth £2.2 million in 2017/18 will have no residence allowance at all.**

There will be many people who will be unable to take full, or indeed any, advantage of the additional allowance. For these individuals, lifetime gifting, trusts, charitable giving and other allowances will remain vital components of estate planning.

*The levels and bases of taxation, and reliefs from taxation, can change at any time. The value of any tax relief depends on individual circumstances.*



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# All Aboard!

After a busy weekend at MD convention in Blackpool, around 100 lions welcomed International President, Bob Corlew and Lion Diane Corlew to Chester, aboard the river boat Lady Diana.

Accompanying them were special guests, the Lord Mayor of Chester, Councillor Angela Claydon, MD 105 Council Chair, Heather Jeavons, Past International Director, Howard Lee and District Governor 105 BS, Steve Shields and Mrs Jean Shields.

The Lady Diana set sail on a beautiful spring evening to cruise along the river through the Duke of Westminster's Estate, a very interesting commentary, including some of Chester's fascinating history, was provided by Lion Mike Hill.

After supper on board, IP Bob made a tour of both decks, stopping to chat with people at every table as he did so. Everyone enjoyed the chance to meet him and many of his Presidential pins were distributed.

Thanks must go to PDG Frank Marnell of Ellesmere Port Lions Cub, Lion President Grace of Chester Club and to the members of Chester for organising and hosting an evening which gave our international guests a taste of historic England, and an opportunity to relax and enjoy the company of club Lions at a very informal event.



**PICTURED: The Lord Mayor of Chester, Councillor Angela Claydon, presents a gift to IP Bob**



**PICTURED: Lion President Grace of Chester Lions Club receiving IP Bob's personal bannerette**



**PICTURED: A perfect spring evening on the Dee**



**PICTURED: All back on dry land**



**PICTURED: The gift for IP Bob from Chester Lions**



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# 2017

## MD CENTENNIAL CONVENTION

The 2017 MB Centennial Convention took place in Blackpool on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April. Lion editor, Nicky Rogers, reports.

On a glorious spring Saturday morning with bright sun and a gin-clear sky, Lions gathered in Blackpool for the Centennial Convention at the Norbreck Castle Hotel. It was my first Convention, so I didn't know what was in store but I certainly didn't expect to be singing 'The Star Spangled Banner' with more than 500 Lions in fine voice, at 9.15 in a vast conference hall.

There to observe and not to vote on any issues, I was struck by the family atmosphere as I watched Lions gleefully meet up with old friends before we settled down to business.

The published programme was followed to the letter, beginning with an introduction by Council Chairman, Heather Jeavons. She welcomed friends and partners from the Multiple District, those from Europe and the International President, Chancellor Bob Corlew. She stressed that there were important issues to discuss and exciting choices to make, especially, the candidates for the position of International Director. Heather said: "During today's debates, remember friendship and that we are here to serve."

Uniting the entire hall, delegates stood to sing the three national anthems, USA, Ireland and UK, this was followed by a very well drilled and precise Ceremony of the Flags, by the Combined Cadet Force from Kirkham Grammar School.

There was a very moving ceremony, when the candle of peace was lit by DG Lion Sue Tyson, to remember Lions who had passed to higher service during the past year, followed by the invocation led by DG Lion Rod Weale and the 'in memorium'.

Councillor Gary Coleman, Deputy Mayor of Blackpool, formally opened Convention, reminding delegates that the efforts of Lions is required more than ever these days. He said: "Thousands of people will be so grateful for help provided to them by Lions as we live in challenging times.

"We should know that more things connect us, rather than drive us apart and I hope that Lions continue to make a positive contribution to the world as we move forwards."

### INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Past Council Chairman, Lion Geoff Leeder and Past Council Chairman, Lion Phil Robinson presented their cases to delegates for election as candidate for the position of International Director. Lion Geoff Leeder, (Luton Lions) the successful candidate, will now go forward to Europa Forum in Montreaux in September for the next step in the process, and then he'll go to the 101st international convention in Las Vegas in June 2018 for final campaigning.



PICTURED: May and Geoff Leeder

### INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Past International Director, Lion Howard Lee, introduced International President, Chancellor Bob Corlew. A Lion since 1975, and a professor at Nashville School of Law, Lion Bob is leading Lions in our centennial year and brought greetings





from 1,419,577 Lions around the world in more than 200 countries. He noted that we have Lions in 47,396 communities and the largest number of Clubs in the history of Lions Clubs International.

He said: "We have the term; 'Where there's a need, there's a Lion', every community has needs, so we have established Clubs where there is a need.

"We work hard to make a difference in our world. Here in MD 105, there are around 15,000 Lions, providing large amounts of service, including the 1,049 new Lions who have joined in the past year.

"This year around the world, we have increased our numbers by 40,000, another record.

"When the centennial began, we aimed to influence the lives of 1,000,000 people by 2018 and we have already achieved that. 15,000 Lions Clubs are working on Centennial projects, these legacy projects offer service to communities now and will continue to serve into the future."

#### NEW MOUNTAINS TO CLIMB

Lion Bob continued: "Our theme is 'new mountains to climb', and as each of us see new mountains in front of us, we see them as opportunities. Most people like level ground and will look for a way round a 'mountain', others will simply stop, or even retreat. But Lions welcome challenges to serve new people in new ways.

"We are in more lands than the UN and we are uniquely placed to create a world of peace and a better understanding between countries.

"Lions work to make the world a better place, and we have a better understanding than some governments and leaders, so Lions can create a better environment."

Lion Bob reminded delegates that the Lions founders met in Chicago on 17th July 1917, and to help celebrate this important centennial and to honour our great association, the centennial torch has been touring the continents and will end up in Chicago for the convention, where it will be part of the biggest parade ever held, down State Street.

He said: "We will launch our new centennial challenges at convention, concerning diabetes and paediatric cancers."



PICTURED: Blackpool at its best

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# 2017

## MB CENTENNIAL CONVENTION



» Lion Bob completed his address, honouring the memory of Lions who have gone before us, especially those Lions whose names we never knew, who haven't served in office, but who were active and worked on projects in their home communities to make them better places, and made our association the great organisation it is today.

He said: "Find new people who have a beating heart of a Lion, to help communities and find new ways of helping even more."

### RESOLUTIONS

Lively debates during the morning session were provoked by three emergency resolutions, a secret ballot on redistricting and a card vote on the format of Lion magazine. Emergency Resolution 2, asked delegates to vote on a proposal that a one-off ex gratia, full and final payment of 25,000 euros be made in favour of MD 133 Ireland. The sum is to be made in instalments to be agreed between MD 105 and MD 133, such as not to prejudice the financial position of MD 104 and the resolution was passed.

The decision made to redistrict MD 105 from 1st July 2019, to eight new districts (from the 12 current ones that will be left when Ireland leaves us) will now be put to the International Board at their meeting in October, and a detailed submission will be made identifying the new districts and the changes in structure as agreed and passed by Convention. Speaking after Convention, Council Chairman, Heather Jeavons wrote: The ethos of us all to 'build up and not destroy' is embodied in the proposal for redistricting, as across the MD as a whole, we will build a stronger and more vibrant structure to take us into the next 100 years of service. The changes adopted in agreeing to redistrict are positive and exciting, and they give a firm and modern platform for the future.

During the afternoon session, an open debate on the future of MD 105 encouraged many members to have their say on topics ranging from what they considered to be too much 'formality and red tape' from one very young Lion, to ways of promoting Lionism through bank cards and how to attract new and younger Lions into Clubs.

After Convention, Council Chairman Heather remarked on the quality of debates saying: "All debates were conducted in an excellent and courteous manner, and everyone approached the many serious and far-reaching decisions with respect for the views of others.

"Everyone who wished to speak from the floor was heard, and was treated with respect for their views while expressing differing opinions with passion and conviction. International President Bob listened to the debates and commented that

he was very impressed with the standard of the contributions from the speakers on all subjects, and with the positive atmosphere of mutual respect for the views of others, which was evident from everyone."

### SUNDAY MORNING IN SUNNY BLACKPOOL

#### Carole Godden, reports:

After a very successful banquet and ball on the Saturday night, delegates and Lions gathered for the final session of MD convention 2017 – our centennial gathering.

The first part of the morning was given over to the final business and presentations.

Excitement grew as the time approached for next year's District Governors to be introduced, and the razzmatazz began! Hooters sounded, horns blew, party poppers popped and a real ticker tape welcome ensued. It was all very colourful and great fun.

The party atmosphere was somewhat tinged with sadness as MD 105 said an emotional farewell to friends in Ireland and promised to work together whenever the opportunity allows.

Convention ended in the traditional way, as everyone joined hands and raised hearty voices in a rendition of "Auld Lang Syne."

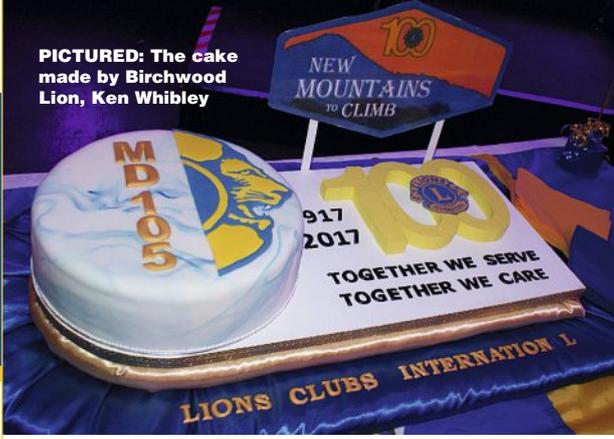
### PIECE OF CAKE!

Amongst the many highlights of the Multiple District Convention at Blackpool was the presentation of a very special centennial cake, which was presented to International President, Bob Corlew.



» **PICTURED:** (L-R) Lion Howard Lee, International President, Bob Corlew and Lion Ken Whibley

PICTURED: The cake made by Birchwood Lion, Ken Whibley



PICTURED: Another puncture



PICTURED: (L-R) Simon Moss and Jaap de Jonge



PICTURED: All in aid of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf



PICTURED: Erm...



The cake was produced by Birchwood Lion Ken Whibley MJF who is no ordinary chef. Amongst his many claims to fame, Ken served as the executive chef at Chequers and served, amongst others, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. He was responsible for creating and producing a silver jubilee cake for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and went on to win several distinguished awards for his skills. In 1980, while serving as an NCO in the RAF, he fought off competition from nine countries to be awarded the title of International Chef of the Year.

### CYCLING HOME FOR CHARITY

Two Lions Presidents from the midlands, Jaap de Jonge (Shirley Lions) and Simon Moss (Marston Green Lions), cycled home from MD convention in aid of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.

They set off from Blackpool at 10:30am on the Sunday morning on what they estimated would be an eight hour journey of around 75 miles to their first stop over in Newcastle under Lyme. Initially, they made good progress.

Somehow though, despite following the route, they pedalled 90 miles instead of 75. Jaap's chain came off at least six times and at the 70 mile mark he had a puncture. By 9.00pm they had run out of daylight and both had front wheel punctures. Fortunately, they phoned a local taxi firm who had a minibus that could accommodate the bikes and get them the last six miles to the hotel.

The following day, Monday, they spent an hour repairing punctures. They then set off at 9.00am, only for Jaap's chain to come off, doing well until the towpath they were riding along turned into a field for 10 miles. Jaap had another puncture that took half an hour to fix.

Finally, they reached the Welcome to Solihull sign about 6.00pm.

Total distance: 232km or 146 miles. Time: 19 hours. Calories burnt: 7,500.

### LESSONS LEARNT:

1. After three glasses of wine, the idea of cycling from Blackpool to Birmingham seems more attractive than it actually is.
2. Thorns are sharp enough to go through Kevlar tyres.
3. Old legs can get very tired.

So far, the pair have raised about £920 for hearing dogs for the deaf. You can still donate at:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/blackpoolbirmingham>

### RESOLUTIONS AND BUSINESS

If you'd like to read a full report of the 2017 MD 105 Convention, please visit:

<http://lionsclubs.co/MemberArea/index.php/15-mdhq/68-md-convention-reports-2017>

### CONVENTION 2018 DIARY DATE

The next MD 105 Convention will be held 3rd to 6th May 2018 at the Hampshire Court Hotel, Basingstoke RG24 8FY: [www.md105convention.co](http://www.md105convention.co)



# Telford Lions Support 'DIY SOS'

Telford Lion, Shirley Vaughan, reports on the 'Big Build' for local boy, Matthew, and his family.

This project was based around Matthew, who was diagnosed with brain and spinal cancer. After more than a year in Birmingham Children's Hospital, he finished his chemotherapy but could not go home as the family house did not have the space or facilities he needed.

His school led a major fundraising campaign for the 11-year-old, and head teacher, Julie Henry, applied to the BBC for DIY SOS to transform his home.

The BBC commissioned initial surveys and sorted the recruitment of volunteers. This was where fate stepped in when, as Telford Lions were leaving after one of their regular meetings, the production team were coming out of a preliminary planning session at the same hotel.

Introductions were made and followed up, resulting in the Club being asked to take on the running of the tea/coffee/cake stand for the duration of the build. It was a big commitment, 10 hours a day for nine consecutive days, as well as the almost impossible task of working out the quantities needed.

Lion Carole Williams took the lead in organising the helpers' rotas and Lion Steve Beach headed up the 'scroungers' then set to work sourcing the goods required. The Club was amazed at the result, local businesses donated all the bottled water, tea, coffee, milk, sugar and even paper cups along with biscuits and cakes. Club members, family and friends began baking to ensure fresh stocks daily. After publicity in the local press at the half way stage, kind individuals began turning up on site with even more cakes which gave the Club's bakers a bit of a break.

From the first day it was amazing to watch as so many tradespeople converged on the site with deliveries coming in and waste going out at a fair rate. Organising the logistics must be a mammoth task but all appeared to go

pretty smoothly. Around 100 volunteers signed in most days, which kept the tea makers busy.

The workforce and the BBC team were very appreciative of the service we were giving – one team commented on Facebook "a big thank you to the Telford Lions for all your support on the big build. We could not do this without you and your endless supply of tea, coffee and not forgetting all the cakes. Remember, every builder likes his tea and without you nothing would get done!"

## LIONS IN CONTROL!

It was a challenging task, serving an estimated 500 drinks a day from a small gazebo on a crowded building site. As we were on site every day we also ended up manning the daily signing in, the issue of personal protection equipment and even the gates at the site entrances some of the time.

Halfway through, the director asked us to bring in the Lion mascot for some filming – we don't know yet if it will make the programme but it was fun to do. When it airs look out for the tea tent in the background, we were right opposite the house so may feature in the back of some shots!

Although filming in February and March meant it was cold and wet at times, it was very satisfying to be part of such a fantastic effort. So many

were involved providing their labour and skills, equipment and materials; neighbours gave over their drives for parking portacabins and stock; some even had their own garden fences taken down to provide access to the garden. It truly was a great community effort and we all felt it so worthwhile when Matthew and his family came to see the finished product. The alterations mean that he can come home at last and will ease many of the practical problems his family face in caring for him.

"We serve" is our motto though we don't usually take it quite so literally! We guesstimate that over the nine days of the build we served about 5,000 drinks and provided around 3,500 portions of cake.

It was hard work but so rewarding – would we do it again? – Without hesitation – but not for a week or two!

**PICTURED:** Lion Carole Williams with BBC's DIY SOS, Nick Knowles



**PICTURED:** Telford Lions and the BBC team



**PICTURED:** The new dormitory at the school has changed students' lives

## A Barefooted, Four-Hour Walk to School – Until Lions Intervened

By Jamie Konigsfeld

Getting to SK Talantang School, situated among towering rubber trees and marshy rice fields, was an epic journey for many students. Some students who live in areas without roads walked for as long as four hours to reach the school in rural Sabah, Malaysia. Then after school they walked home – often barefoot both ways. They didn't want to wear out their precious government-supplied shoes.

Those using vehicles to get to school worried their parents as well. They rode on the backs of motorcycles or packed into rickety vans. During the rainy season, many students who walked and rode skipped school altogether because of the dangers posed by rushing waters.

Now, half of the school's 200 students no longer make the long or dangerous daily trek. A dormitory has been built, thanks to Lions Clubs in Korea, Kota Kinabalu Host Lions Club and Lions Clubs International Foundation. Built in six months and opened in February, the dormitory is just a short walk from the school.

### STUDY HARD!

Spearheaded by Past District Governor, Eugene Lee, the dormitory includes bedrooms with bunkbeds, bathrooms with

flushing toilets, a dining area and a kitchen. The children are fed nutritious meals several times a day. The dormitory also offers lighting, running water and sanitation, amenities which are often not available in many private homes.

The children no longer have to rush home and can participate in extracurricular activities such as sports, Boy Scouts and tutoring. The students can choose to go home or stay in the dormitory on weekends.

During the dedication ceremony, District Governor Myung-young Kang of Korea encouraged the students: "Up to now, you had a good excuse not to attain good scores: the distance between school and your homes. No more. I, your Korean Uncle Kang, wish you study hard, day and night, rain or shine, and become leaders of Kota Marudu, Sabah State and Malaysia. Once becoming such leaders, if someone asks how you have been so successful, you better say, 'That's because I studied at Asrama Desa Lions SK Talantang!'"



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# YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNORS

## DISTRICT 105-A: DG Abhnash Bains



A member of the London Central Host Lions Club since 2009 Abhnash has held many positions including Cabinet Officer for HSL Project, Club President, Zone Chairperson for Zone A, Club President and Club

Secretary. She has built contacts with other organisations in the interest of promoting Lions projects and has been awarded with Year round Membership Growth award, Zone Chairperson Excellence Medal, Melvin Jones Fellowship in 2013, International President's Certificate of Appreciation and a Certificate of Appreciation from Zone 'A' Chairperson.

Abhnash said: "As District Governor I would be able to use my skills and experience for the benefit of our District. In addition to offering practical assistance and support to members, I want to work towards continued membership growth, improved Club success and enhanced leadership qualities of all members."

## DISTRICT 105-BN: DG Roy Axten



Roy was born in Preston in Lancashire, then moved to Kendal when his father changed jobs. He was introduced to the Kendal Leo Club when he was 17 by his father, also a Lion.

He went through the Leo Club holding various offices before transferring to the Lions Club. Roy's wife, Liz, was also a Leo and they formed the first mixed club in south Cumbria when they became too old for Leos.

Roy has held several club officer posts and helped start the MIAB scheme with Kendal Lions Club. He has been Zone Chair, Cabinet Officer, District Officer, 2nd VDG, 1st VDG and now DG.

With the support Liz and his family, he looks forward to an exciting and thrilling year.

## DISTRICT 105-BS: DG Teresa Nickson



Born in Dublin, and with an honours degree in microbiology from Liverpool University, DG Teresa Nickson is an active member of Buckley and Mold Lions and is an associate member of Whitchurch and District

Club. She is currently semi-retired, now working only three days as a maths teacher in a secondary school. She had previously been head of personal and social education.

Within Lions and at Club level, she has held the post of Secretary, Minute Secretary, President, LCIF Officer and has been part of the membership team. At District level, she has been a member of the GMT team, MERL team, Environmental Officer and a Zone Chair.

## DISTRICT 105-C: DG Michael Boldero



Lion Michael Boldero MJF is a member of Keighley Lions Club, having previously been a member of Workshop Lions Club for a number of years. He has held the posts of Club Secretary,

Club President and Zone Chairman before serving as First and Second Vice Governor. In his professional life, he was a coach tour driver for a major national company taking tours to Europe and the UK. Lion Michael is now semi-retired, still driving part-time. He is married to Lion Carole who is the Immediate Past President of Keighley Lions. Michael's interests include classic cars, heritage railways and listening to music. His theme for the year is "Have the Courage to Encourage".

## DISTRICT 105-D: DG Peter Burnett



DG Peter Burnett has been a Lion for 29 years, firstly at Pocklington, then Hornsea and finally, with Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club in Dorset for the past 24 years.

He is a pharmacist working as a locum in Bournemouth and is married to Lion Debbie. Between them, they have six children.

## DISTRICT 105-E: DG Stephen Green



DG Stephen Green was born in June 1967 near Leigh, Greater Manchester. After completing a degree in electrical and electronic engineering at Coventry

Polytechnic his career took him to St Helens, Birmingham and then Bristol, where he discovered Lions Clubs International. He became a Charter member of Worle Lions Club in 105 SW, took on the role of Club President in 2001-02 and then Zone Chairman the following year.

Moving to Nottingham in 2002 was the second part of his Lions journey, taking him to District 105 E and Edwinstowe and the Dukeries Lions Club. Since arriving in the District he has completed a second Zone Chairman year along with two years in the District Governor Team.

His career has evolved in a similar way, progressing from building and equipping factories to now managing major strategic cross-functional programmes. Stephen and his wife, Lucia, are looking forward to a fun and active year as District Governor in 105-E.



## DISTRICT 105-EA: DG Derek Prior

DG Derek Prior graduated MA in geography from Aberdeen University and joined Ford Motor Company in 1976, spending almost 12 years with the company in the UK and Germany. He gained a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in 1988.

On leaving Ford, he spent 25 years in IT sales management roles, retiring as sales director responsible for Europe, Middle East, Africa and China for a multinational data centre solutions company. He became a Fellow of the British Computer Society (FBCS) in 2014.



# YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNORS



Derek joined Billericay Lions in 2007, and in District Cabinet he spent three years as a Zone Chairman, three years as Sight/LEHP, two years as PRO then Second Vice and First Vice. He is a Certified Guiding Lion, completed the Faculty Development Institute and was a New Club Development Consultant.

Married to Sheila, with three grown up children, Derek is looking forward with eager anticipation to his year as District Governor.

## DISTRICT 105-M: DG Christopher Burrows



Chris is a member of Shirley Lions Club. He has also been Zone Chair for two consecutive years. He is a chartered surveyor by profession, having held senior management positions both in the public and private sectors.

Chris is very keen on sports and is a qualified referee and football coach. Those skills and his interest in youth have also seen him become involved with Special Olympics. In his career, Chris has also been heavily involved in change management programmes and that knowledge and experience should serve him well in the transition to a new district structure, which will not be without its challenges.

## DISTRICT 105-NE: DG Malcolm Hogg



Age 64 and married to Rosemary for 29 years, Malcolm Hogg lives in the countryside with three dogs and a cat.

Born in Aberdeen, most of his working life was spent as Head of Biology in a mainstream secondary school and he retired last summer. He served as a Boys' Brigade officer for 25 years and joined Aberdeen Lions in 2004. Malcolm formed Harlaw Academy Leo Club in 2005 and served as Advisor until retirement. He formed Aberdeen Bon Accord Branch Club in 2007, serving as its Branch Coordinator until it chartered in 2009 and he became Charter President, a role he has undertaken on a number of occasions since.

He has served as District Officer for Leos (Scotland) since 2007 then Zone Chair from 2014 - 2016, becoming 2nd VDG in 2015.

## DISTRICT 105-SE: DG Jackie Robinson



DG Jackie has been a member of Thanet Lions for 16 years. Holding many Club and District roles she is best known for being SE District Secretary for seven years. Jackie manages the front of house at a busy

orthodontal practice and dovetails this with supporting her six grandchildren.

Her passion, other than Lions, is collecting teddy bears and has over 200 limited edition bears. She has introduced a mascot this year, 'Essie (SE) Bear' to symbolise the need for all Lions to care for each other so that our Lions can continue to support their community and the world.

## DISTRICT 105-SW: DG Ian Snell



DG Ian Snell joined Okehampton Lions in 2001, becoming Club President between 2007 and 2008.

He was Club Secretary from 2010 to 2013 and Zone Chairperson from 2012 to 2014. He has been District Environmental Officer for six years, District IT Officer for over two years, Club Membership Officer for three years and District County Coordinator for membership for three years

He said: "I have strong belief that we are one big team. That team, working from LCI, MDs, Districts and Clubs, will make us stronger and better able to compete in the 21st Century to support our communities and the long-term future.

"Of course membership will continue to be a major focus, without members and preferably younger members, many of our Clubs won't have a future. Ageism is a fact of life but unless we have a continuous flow of younger members joining our Clubs and subsequently moving into leadership roles, then I'm afraid we'll lose many more Clubs and our communities will suffer as a result."

## DISTRICT 105-W: DG Steve Petty



Steve joined Lions in 1995 and became Club President on four occasions, Zone Chair twice along with many other Club roles over the years. He looks forward to becoming the District Governor for 105W in July and having the chance to attend the Centennial International Convention in Chicago.

## DISTRICT 133 (formerly 105-I): DG Teresa Dineen



Teresa is a member of Cork Lions Club in District 105I. She has served as Region Chair, District Secretary, Cork Lions Club Secretary and was the first female President of the Club. She also served as Project Chair for the District Annual Holiday Project and is involved in many club projects. Teresa is very much looking forward to taking on the role of District Governor of the new District 133.



# UNITED NATIONS DAY IN WALES



Steve Shields, District Governor at 105 BS reports on the recent United Nations Day in Wales.

The two Districts that cover Wales take it in turn to present a UN Day and this year, 105 BS had the honour on Sunday 2nd April at the Maesgwyn Hall in Wrexham.

It would be fair to say, that in true Welsh tradition, the programme leaned more towards musical and visual entertainment than the spoken word, which made for a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

The show started with a rhythmic parade and display by the Portugese Culture Association of Great Britain. This was followed by a presentation by Victoria Beech of Blind Veterans UK from their establishment at Llandudno.

Then there was a great display of African costume from Wanjike of Bawso, reminiscent of the colourful groups in International Convention parades.

Local professional singer songwriter, Luke Gallagher, then entertained delegates. Luke is an unashamed 'Mod', a throwback to the 60s and 70s, playing songs from that era but also his own compositions. The Clwydclippers – Mold Barbershop Harmony Group followed with a superb variety of a cappella material.

## YOUTH

No Lions event would be complete without recognising youth and the audience were amazed at the individual and collective contributions of the Bitesize Youth Theatre, doing some very demanding pieces from many different shows. There is no doubt that some stars of the future were in evidence in this well-rehearsed troupe.

I thanked the participants and the audience for their attendance and briefly reminded everyone of the links between the United Nations and Lions, before handing over to Luke Gallagher again for a final few jokes and songs.

The District is very grateful to Lion President, Joan Williams, of Wrexham Maelor Lions for putting together such a varied programme and to her colleague, Richard Huelin, for taking on the MC duties at short notice.



PICTURED: Luke Gallagher



PICTURED: Display by the Portugese Culture Association



PICTURED: The Clwydclippers



PICTURED: African costumes from Wanjike of Bawso

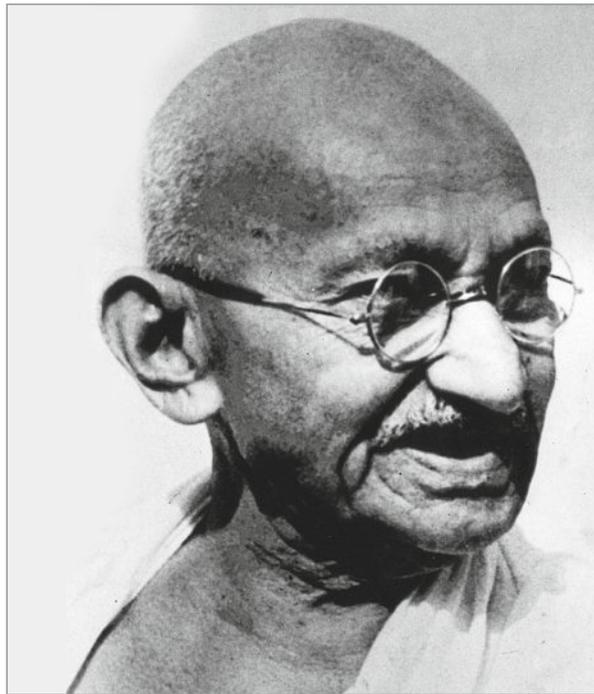


PICTURED: Members of the Bitesize Youth Theatre



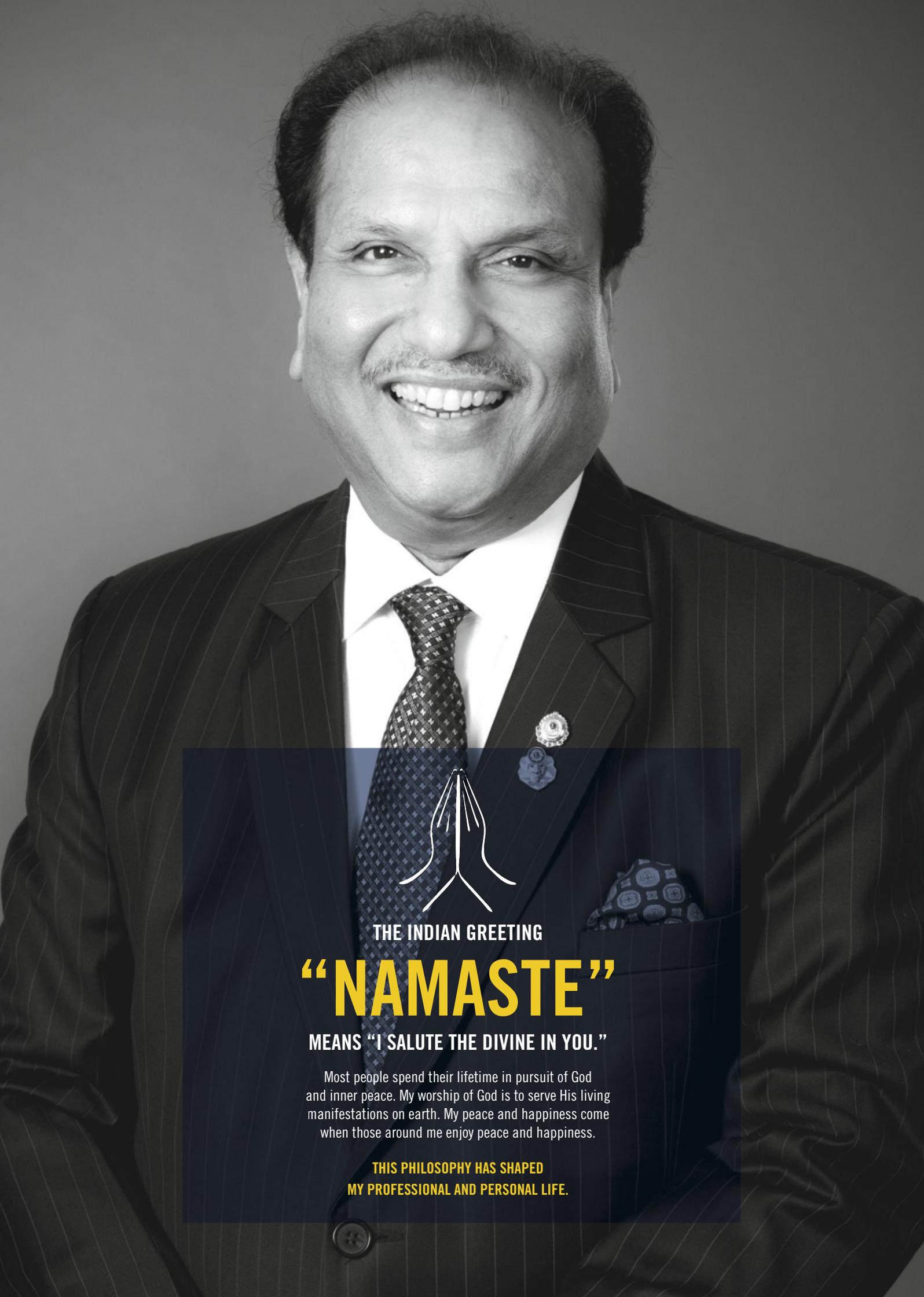
**WE**  **SERVE**

**PRESIDENT DR. NARESH AGGARWAL, 2017-2018**



“ I finally found myself  
- when I lost myself -  
in the service of others. ”

- Mahatma Gandhi



THE INDIAN GREETING

# “NAMASTE”

MEANS “I SALUTE THE DIVINE IN YOU.”

Most people spend their lifetime in pursuit of God and inner peace. My worship of God is to serve His living manifestations on earth. My peace and happiness come when those around me enjoy peace and happiness.

**THIS PHILOSOPHY HAS SHAPED  
MY PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL LIFE.**



# WE SERVE.





I grew up in a town called Batala, in Punjab - a state in the northwest of India. Like many young children, I dreamed of conquering the world. However, the means to this end were more important to me. I wanted to lead through kindness.

I dreamed of changing not just Batala, but the entire world. In 1974, when I first stood in the presence of Lions, I knew that I had aligned myself with an organization that could actually help me achieve my dream.

We Lions are one with the people of the world. In Sanskrit, it is called “**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam,**” or “**World is my Family.**”

The key to making the world one family, or one home, rests within us - the 1.4 million Lions who dedicate themselves to the needs of others. If each Lion serves at least 10 people

per month, we will easily achieve our goal of serving 200 million people each year-tripling our current service output.

Service to others defines who we are. It is our very reason to exist as a global organization. Our motto puts it in terms others can easily understand - “We Serve.” As I prepared for my year as your international president, those words kept coming back to me. That’s why I am proud to have “We Serve” represent my theme. Our motto is timeless. It is as relevant today as it was in 1917, and it will inspire us into our next century of service.

At the 2015 International Convention in Honolulu, I said, “Nothing is more powerful than an idea whose time has come.” Our most auspicious time-the new century-has come.



“Let us reach out to others and impart our ideals-that the world is one family and no child can go to sleep in fear of what tomorrow will bring.”

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## THE POWER OF ACTION

# LIKE A MIGHTY RIVER

Many cities grow and prosper along the banks of a river. In India, we worship our longest river – the Ganga, or Ganges. We call it “Ganga Maa,” meaning “Ganges Mother,” similar to how Americans use the term “Mother Nature.”

Why is the Ganges our mother, or object of worship? Because it gives life. It feeds plants. Plants feed humans and animals. It enables trade and travel. It refreshes itself and the landscape continuously. In India, hundreds of millions of people live by the blessings of the Ganga.

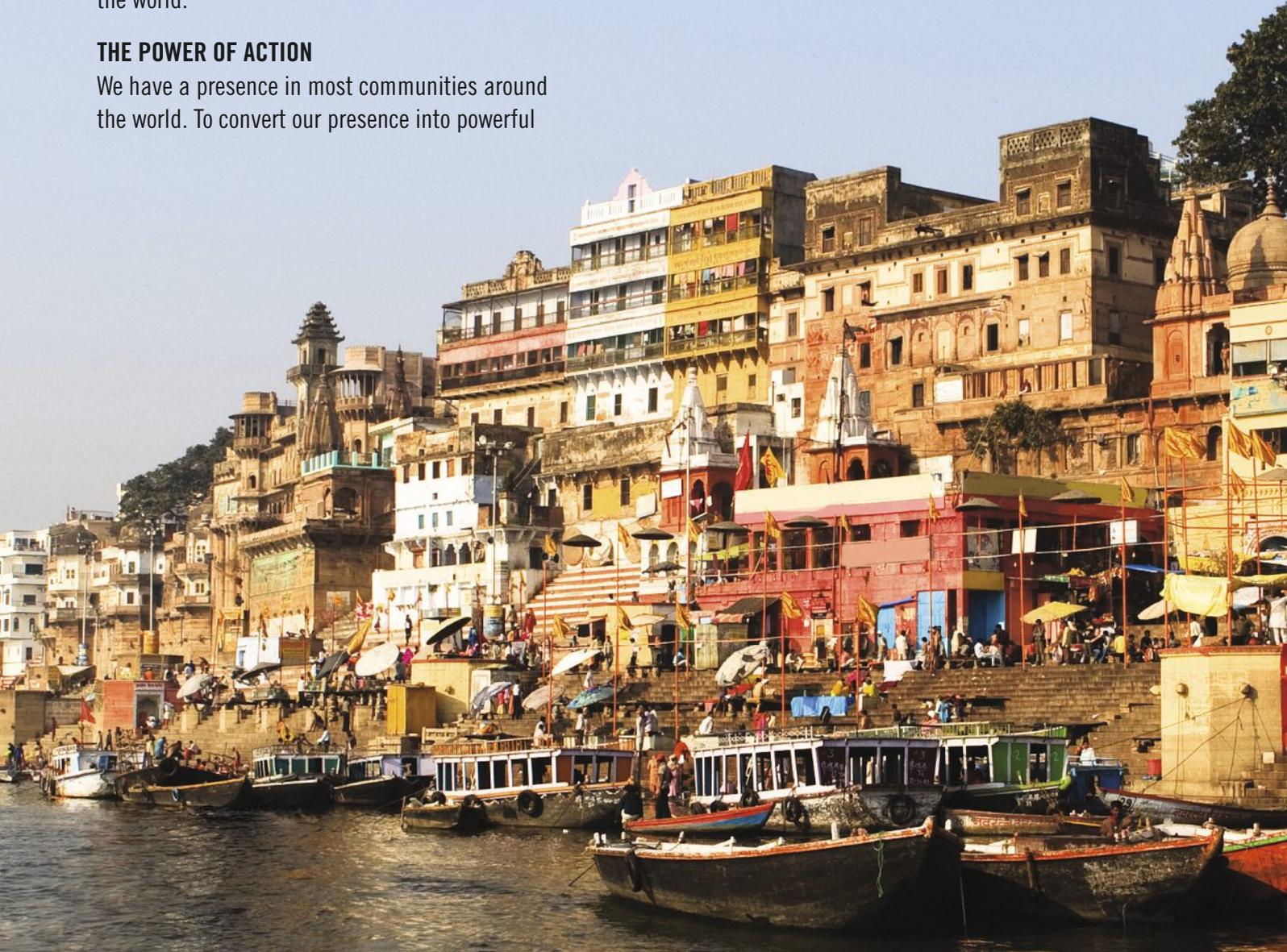
A Lions club is very similar. Over the last 100 years, “our river” has formed tributaries in 47,000+ communities (clubs). Now we must constantly refresh our clubs with new ideas and projects and make our river meander through every community in the world.

## THE POWER OF ACTION

We have a presence in most communities around the world. To convert our presence into powerful

service, we must infuse the power of action into each member.

The key to action is to engage each and every member both socially and professionally. It is only when we serve our members first that we can serve the community. A Lion leader has two hands—one to serve the community and one to serve Lion members. Let us choose projects that maximize the value of each expenditure, member and hour so that we may serve as many urgent needs as possible.



## **MORE MEMBERS EQUAL MORE SERVICE**

A Lions club brings people together. When people come together, many good things are possible. Friends are made, leaders are chosen, plans are drawn and communities become better. But it all comes down to one thing—service. Our single-minded purpose is and has always been to provide service to those in need.

From 1917 through 1987, we surged to 1.4 million members. That equates to 54 new members per day – a phenomenal rate of growth and a testament to the power of Lionism. We have continued our growth, albeit at a slower rate, over the past 30 years, and we have spread to new countries. Still more can be done.

## **NEW MEMBERS: WOMEN AND YOUTH**

Half the world's population is women, and over half the world is under 30 years of age. Yet, most of our members are men over the age of 30.

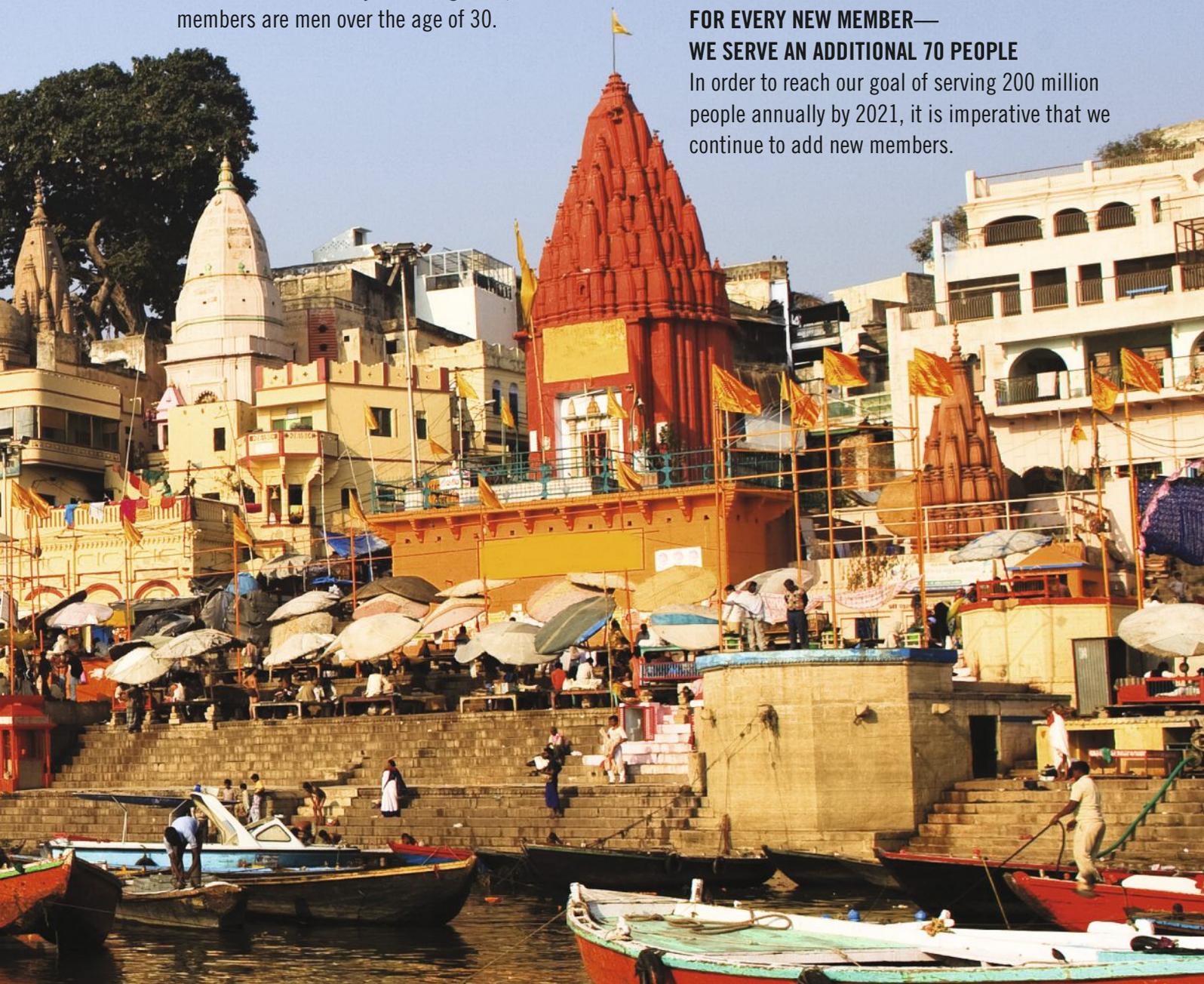
Narrowing this gap is the key to expanding our association, enabling us to serve more people in need.

Although women comprise the fastest growing segment of our membership growth, we still have only 27 percent women members, despite opening our doors to women more than 30 years ago. We also have too few young members and not enough members in continents with rich histories like Africa, South America and Europe. We must find solutions to each of these challenges.

We must continue to provide leadership opportunities for women and ensure our projects meet their expectations and priorities. We must reach young members by understanding what motivates them to serve and let them know we can help them realize their goal of making the world a better place.

## **FOR EVERY NEW MEMBER— WE SERVE AN ADDITIONAL 70 PEOPLE**

In order to reach our goal of serving 200 million people annually by 2021, it is imperative that we continue to add new members.



# THE POWER OF WE

100 YEARS IN THE MAKING

## THE POWER OF WE

We stand together to serve those in need.

1.4 M members  
x \$2 per week

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\$145 M / yr

1.4 M members  
x 1 HR of service per week

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73 M HRS of service / yr



## THE POWER OF ACTION

We must be the change we wish to see in the world.

## THE POWER OF SERVICE

As more of us come together, the world's problems become smaller.

40% of the global population lives in poverty. We can change this.

# MORE MEMBERS = MORE SERVICE

Throughout our first century, our membership grew to its current level of 1.4 million. I bow my head to our many leaders who worked hard to spread our message from one club in Chicago to 47,000+ clubs in more than 200 countries or geographic areas.

## SO WHAT CAN 1.4 MILLION LIONS DO?

If each of us puts \$10 more in our projects per month, that results in US\$170 million more each year. If each of us serves for 1 more hour per week, that gives us 73 million more hours of service each year.

## WHAT IS NEEDED IS A CHANGE OF HEART.

Every day, innovations in technology, medicine, finance and other fields are unveiled that make our lives easier. Yet, 795 million people (11 percent of the world's population) live in hunger.

Food for a hungry person in a low-income country is just US\$160 per year. This amount (795 million people x US\$160) can be met by the top 1 billion people in the world alone if they give just \$0.35 per day. That is the power of we.

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**Solving our world's greatest problems is within reach if people work together for the common good.**

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## MY FOCUS THIS YEAR IS TO EMBRACE OUR ASSOCIATION'S MOTTO "WE SERVE."

It is a powerful expression. "We" symbolizes the power of our 1.4 million members, and "Serve" expresses our clear, decisive action to convert every dollar into service for the most urgent needs around the world.

## THE POWER OF WE

The "Power of We" underscores that my power comes from you, and your power comes from me.

I cannot lift a car, but together we can. One person cannot educate a village, but a group of like-minded people can. As more of us come together, the world's problems become smaller.

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**If all of us come together, then the impossible becomes possible.**

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## "WE SERVE" ALSO HIGHLIGHTS OUR MOST IMPORTANT QUALITY – CONNECTIVITY.

We are connected to each other as Lions and to the communities we serve. In a chain, each individual link combines to form an unbreakable line. If our chain has 1.4 million strong links, that becomes a powerful force for good.



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL  
**PRESIDENT DR. NARESH AGGARWAL**  
2017-2018  
WE SERVE.

# THE FUTURE IS NOW

As we enter our second century of global humanitarian service, we continue to evolve to meet the ever-changing needs. This is truly an exciting time to be a Lion.

Our new strategy – LCI Forward – was developed as a road map for Lions to plan, implement and achieve our vision for the future and meet the growing needs of the world. This new strategy will enhance our service framework, reshape public opinion and improve visibility, improve our club, district and organizational excellence and improve our membership experience while reaching new markets.

New products, such as the new Lions mobile app, will provide our members the ability to connect with each other like never before – sharing service ideas, photos, videos, and information – bringing Lions together regardless of their location.

We have to make the world aware of just how big the world's problems are, and how relatively simple they are to solve if everyone works together.

I feel proud and blessed to be your leader at this most auspicious moment, as we begin our second century of global humanitarian service.

On June 7, 1917, in the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago, businessman Melvin Jones announced an ambitious initiative – an association dedicated to the central principle of serving others. He faced many skeptics. There were people who considered it impossible. However, today it is a reality. Today, 1.4 million people walk his path of service to others.

There is no greater pleasure in life than to make a dream come true. To make miracles happen. Pick the most improbable dream and spend your life making it come true. Pick a dream that makes each precious moment in your life worth living. Becoming your international president is a dream come true for me. But that is only part of my dream. The rest of my dream is something all of us as Lions share together – a dream that every child in the world is born to a happy, caring family, and is given every opportunity to thrive. Like Gandhi, let us lose ourselves in this dream, for that is where we will find ourselves.

With a new service framework and the addition of diabetes as one of our new causes, a reshaping of our service programs, **a new marketing technology initiative, a vibrant LCI Forward global strategy, and a new century before us, the future is ours, and the future is now.**

I have always believed it is important to leave the world better than we found it and a better place for our children and their children. That philosophy has served me well – as a club president, district governor, international director and international vice president. With your help, it will continue to serve me as your international president. And together we will expand our legacy of service.

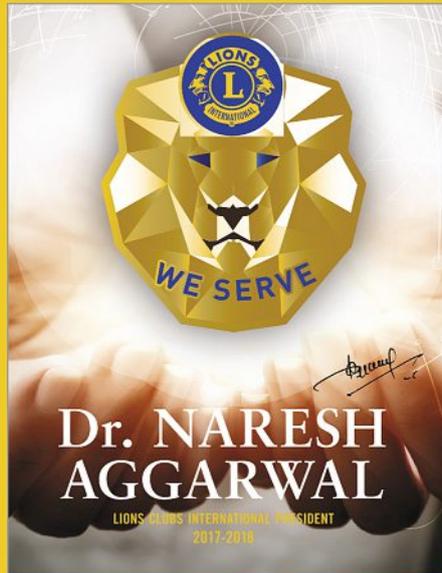
The time to act is now. We can help and we WILL help. Each and every one of you can have a lasting impact. Join hands with me today in committing to serve 200 million lives annually in our new century of service.



“ TOGETHER: We will harness the power of we.  
We will commit to action. We will leave  
the world a better place for all. ”



**NAMASTE LIONS.  
NAMASTE.**



**Dr. NARESH  
AGGARWAL**

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT  
2017-2018



PICTURED: Waiting for the 'start digging' signal

# Easter Egg Hunt at Portreath Beach

A record number of children entered the Lions 13th Easter Egg Hunt at Portreath Beach in April.

The weather for previous Lions Easter Egg Hunts had not been the best but this time, the sun shone down on the Lions, children, parents and grandparents all out to have a good time.

The Lions had catered for 450 children to attend the dig but very soon after registration started, they realised that more chocolate was required to meet demand. It was fantastic to see 567 children digging in roped off areas to find the two hidden gold coloured wooden eggs and 24 red ones. The finders of these eggs were given large Easter eggs and all participating children received a smaller one.

All proceeds of from the day were for the Lions Charity account that was supplemented by a beach raffle and donations received for children's books. Lion President, Viv Broadhurst, said that the day was a fantastic success and thanked everybody for supporting the event.



PICTURED: Five years and under golden egg winner, Lilly >>



PICTURED: Mass digging

**Wessex Way**

**Lions International MD 105 Convention**  
**3rd - 6th May 2018**  
**Hampshire Court Hotel Basingstoke, RG24 8FY**  
[www.md105convention.uk](http://www.md105convention.uk)



# CONVENTION 2017



## Convention Call

In compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the International By-Laws, I hereby issue the Official Call for the 2017 International Convention.

Our 100th International Convention will be held in Chicago, Illinois, United States. It begins at 9.00 am 30th June and ends 4th July. The purpose of the convention is to elect a president, first vice president, second vice president, third vice president and 17 members of the International Board of Directors and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Chicago was where Lions began in 1917, and the city is the perfect choice for our centennial convention. Chicago has a stunning lakefront, great architecture and countless cultural attractions. The food is great, the people are friendly and, befitting the birthplace of Lions, Lions and their service are part of the fabric of life in Chicagoland.

The five days will feature renowned speakers, first-class entertainers, a stirring torch ceremony to mark the centennial, and, of course, Lions' convention traditions such as the grand parade, the swearing-in of the new international president and three plenary sessions that demonstrate the amazing range and scope of Lions' service. Al Gore, former U.S. Vice President, will give the keynote

address, and Remote Area Medical will receive the 2017 Lions Humanitarian Award. Another highlight is the announcement of the Peace Poster and Essay Contest winners.

Performing at the convention will be Chicago, the Beach Boys, the Charlie Daniels Band, Patti LaBelle, the Blues Brothers Revue, David Archuleta of 'American Idol' fame, the African Children's Choir and other top-notch entertainers.

Convention Week is a wonderful experience packed with fellowship, fun and learning. The centennial convention will be especially memorable. Lions will understand and appreciate what Lions have achieved over the last 100 years and help launch our second century of service.

Signed by me in Oak Brook, Illinois, United States of America, this 9th day of May 2017.

Warmest regards,

**Chancellor Bob Corlew**  
Lions Clubs International President

# OFFICIAL NOTICE

2017 International Convention, Chicago, Illinois, USA



*The following proposed amendments to the International By-Laws will be reported to the delegates for vote at the 2017 International Convention.*

**ITEM 1:** A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL CALL PROVISION TO GIVE MORE ADVANCED NOTICE OF THE CONVENTION BY ALLOWING THE OFFICIAL CALL TO BE ISSUED 60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION. *(THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)*

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That, effective beginning with the 2017-2018 year, Article VI, Section 2 of the International By-Laws shall be amended by deleting the phrase "forty (40)" and replacing it with the phrase "sixty (60)".

**ITEM 2:** A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE BOARD REPRESENTATION PROVISION TO BE CONSISTENT WITH RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTION. *(THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)*

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That, effective beginning with the 2017-2018 year, Article II, Section 5 of the International By-Laws shall be amended by deleting the phrase "fourteen (14)" in line 3.

**ITEM 3:** A RESOLUTION TO PERMIT AN INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER FROM THE SAME DISTRICT TO SERVE ON THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS SIMULTANEOUSLY. *(THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)*

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article II, Section 5(c) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the phrase, "and a director".

**ITEM 4:** A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF AN INTERNATIONAL OFFICER ENDORSEMENT FROM TWO (2) TO THREE (3) SUCCEEDING CONVENTIONS AND TO REQUIRE A THREE YEAR WAITING PERIOD FOR AN INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR CANDIDATE TO SEEK ANOTHER ENDORSEMENT AFTER THE INITIAL PERIOD AND TO REQUIRE A THREE YEAR WAITING PERIOD FOR AN INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE AFTER TWO SUCCEEDING ENDORSEMENTS. *(THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)*

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article II, Section 4(a), second paragraph of the International By-Laws be amended by changing the validity of an endorsement from two (2) to three (3) succeeding conventions by deleting the phrase "two (2)" and replacing it with the phrase "three (3)";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Article II, Section 4 of the International By-Laws be amended by adding a new paragraph (c) as follows:

Endorsements for international director shall be valid for three (3) succeeding conventions provided that the candidate is otherwise eligible to be elected. If not elected during the initial endorsement, the candidate must wait three (3) years before such candidate is eligible to seek endorsement again. Endorsements for international third vice president shall be valid for three (3) succeeding conventions provided that the candidate is otherwise eligible to be elected for a maximum of two (2) succeeding endorsements. If not elected during the successive endorsement periods, then such candidate must wait three (3) years before the candidate is eligible to seek endorsement again.



# JUNE 2017

## VP CANDIDATES

### CANDIDATES FOR INTERNATIONAL THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

As we went to press, there were eight candidates for the office of International Third Vice President. The election is scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> July at the 100<sup>th</sup> International Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

#### DR PATRICIA "PATTI" HILL

Dr *Patti Hill* of Edmonton, Canada, is a psychologist and member of the Edmonton Host Lions Club. An International Director from 2007 to 2009, she served as Leadership Chair, a member of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum multiple times, a Multinational Coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II, an Institute Faculty member, and a presenter at several forums and international conventions. A Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, Hill received the 'Inspiring Woman Award' and remains active in many professional and community organisations.



#### ROSANE TERESINHA JAHNKE

*Rosane Teresinha Jahnke* served as International Director from 2008 to 2010. A member of the Balneário Camboriu Centro Lions Club in Brazil, she was a teacher and is a lawyer. A Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a Helen Keller Knight of Sight recipient, she participated in the LCIF Steering Committee and was a Group Leader and a GLT Leader. She has participated in 20 international conventions and 18 forums and always promotes the rights of children with special needs as well as cancer prevention awareness.



#### CARLOS E JUSTINIANO

*Carlos E Justiniano* of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, is an orthodontist and President of his real estate corporation. He is a Past International Director, as was his father, Rafael Justiniano. A member of the Mayaguez Lions Club since 1979 and an Ambassador of Good Will, he is a SightFirst District Coordinator and a Leo Club adviser. He is active in many civic organisations, and served as a moderator at USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum and Latin American and Caribbean Forums.



#### FABRÍCIO OLIVEIRA

*Fabrício Oliveira* of Catolô do Rocha, Brazil, served as an International Director from 2006 to 2008. He is a businessman and business administrator, and has been a member of the Catolô do Rocha Lions Club since 1985. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and has received the Global Vision Medal Award, the Ambassador of Good Will Award and 11 International President's Awards. Twice a District Governors-Elect seminar group leader, Oliveira is also active in many professional and community organisations. He has been endorsed three times by Constitutional Area III.



#### SALIM MOUSSAN

*Salim Moussan* of Beirut, Lebanon, is a retired businessman and member of the Beirut St. Gabriel Lions Club. An International Director from 1997 to 1999, he has twice been a board appointee and group leader and has chaired several leadership forums. He is fluent in three languages, has visited 93 countries and has attended 29 consecutive international conventions, 72 area forums and more than 45 regional conferences. Recipient of several Lions awards, he was decorated with Lebanon's National Medal of Merit.



#### JUDGE HAYNES H TOWNSEND

Chief Judge *Haynes H Townsend* of Dalton, Georgia, is a member of the Dalton Noon Lions Club and has 37 years of perfect attendance as a Lion. A Past International Director, he is a Melvin Jones Fellow, founder of the Georgia Lions Children's Eye Care Center at Emory University and Past President of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. Georgia's Judge of the Year in 2003, he is also a member of the Dalton First United Methodist Church and a Disciple Bible Study teacher.



#### STEVEN D SHERER

*Steven D Sherer* of New Philadelphia, Ohio, has been a member of the Dover Lions Club since 1980. A licensed public accountant and a retired finance officer/CFO of New Philadelphia Public Schools, he is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and has received numerous Lions and professional accolades. Sherer served as an International Director from 2006 to 2008, was a GMT area coordinator for four years and currently serves on the LCIF Quest Advisory Committee.



#### CAROLYN A MESSIER

*Carolyn A Messier* of Windsor Locks, Connecticut, served as an International Director from 2011 to 2013 and a board appointee from 2014 to 2015. She is the retired Executive Director of the Lions Low Vision Centers and a low vision therapist who joined the Windsor Locks Lions Club in 1990. A Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, she has presented or moderated at six USA/Canada Forums, is active in the New England Lions Council and is the recipient of the Ambassador of Good Will Award as well as other professional and LCI recognitions. A board member of the Connecticut Eye Bank, she served on the founding committee of Lions KidSight USA.







# Where There's a Will!

Aberdeen Lions Club has been supporting Lions' partnership with Dentaïd for a couple of years now, arranging shipment of the odd box or two of unwanted dental supplies from local surgeries to Dentaïd's depot in Wiltshire, from where they are dispatched for use in the developing world.

However, recently this commitment was taken to a whole new level.

Firstly, the Club was approached by a local dental surgery that had 12 boxes of (fairly light) dental supplies to be shipped. "No problem" they thought, "we can arrange and fund that."

At the same time, the Club was contacted for help by a dentist in Orkney who had 17 boxes of unwanted dental equipment weighing a hefty 282kg that needed to be shipped to Dentaïd.

So firstly, Aberdeen Lions worked with the Orkney dentist, who persuaded Northlink Ferries to ship the items to



**PICTURED:** The start of the journey

Aberdeen harbour, free of charge, where the Lions Club picked them up. However, onward shipping prices were through the roof so liaising with Dentaïd, they came up with the idea of putting the items on an auction site ([www.uship.com](http://www.uship.com)) where shippers bid for the consignment.

This resulted in a bid that the Lions could afford from a 'man with a van' in Glasgow, who was picking up another

shipment from Peterhead to take down to southern England and he would add the Dentaïd boxes.

The shipper was excellent and all the boxes arrived safely at Dentaïd as planned, courtesy of the Orkney dentist, Northlink Ferries, Aberdeen Lions and of course, Sergio, our 'man with a van'.

How's that for a project?

## Caistor's Charity Cash

Caistor and District Lions Club took part in the 2017 Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal recently. Over a period of four hours, the generosity of the residents of Caistor meant that they and 10 other Lions managed to raise nearly £380 for Marie Curie, making this the highest ever sum that the Club has raised for this appeal.



**PICTURED:** (L-R) Lions Rick, Cheryl, Shaun and Andy

## Lions Clubs of Bletchley Collect for Marie Curie

The Lions Club of Bletchley thank the customers of Morrison's Westcroft for their generosity in donating £613 to Marie Curie. Marie Curie supports people living with any terminal illness and their families. They offer expert care, guidance and support to help them get the most from the time they have left.



**PICTURED:** (L-R) Lion David, Lion Ken and Lion Derick collecting money



# Dartford Lions Co-sponsor Exhibition

Dartford Lions were proud co-sponsors of The Art of Autism Exhibition at The Stephen Oliver Gallery in Dartford.

Together with Cllr Mandy Garford, Stephen Oliver hosted the exhibition to raise autism awareness in the area, welcoming artwork from any local children on the autism spectrum aged between three and 18.

All entries were considered for the exhibition and the best were displayed for visitors. Press Officer for Dartford Lions, Lion Ragbhir Sandhu, said: "This event was a great opportunity to raise the awareness of autism. As a Lions Club, we were extremely pleased to be able to support the art exhibition and we believe this shows the diverse support Lions Clubs offer to various groups and organisations throughout the world."



**PICTURED:** Dartford Lions Club members at the exhibition

# Six Lions Clubs and a Ferry Company Work Together

Hovertravel helped the Isle of Wight Lions Clubs by carrying their annual collection of specs to the mainland, free of charge, for the fifth year running. This year, a record number of specs, (7,564 pairs) were collected from opticians, supermarkets and shops on the island and taken to Portsmouth where they were picked up by Portsmouth Lions.

This year the specs were carried by a brand new super-quiet hovercraft, Solent Flyer.



**PICTURED:** Loading specs collected on the Isle of Wight

# 65,357 Pairs of Glasses

Lion Philip Barry of Woodley & Earley Lions club took over the Spectrek campaign back in 2006 and he now nine collection points, which include two local hospitals. The photograph shows Philip with this year's collection of 6,265. Since 2006 he has collected 65,357 pairs of glasses. Has your Club done better?

Let us know at:  
[lion.editor@lionsclubs.co](mailto:lion.editor@lionsclubs.co)

There's no 'uk' on the email address!



**PICTURED:** Lion Philip Barry



# Diabetic Screening in Royal Tunbridge Wells

Some 410 members of the public had their blood sugar levels checked on Saturday 22nd April in the Royal Tunbridge Wells shopping mall, Royal Victoria Place.

Of those tested, 10 were found to have dangerous blood sugar levels and were referred to their GPs. This inaugural event was a great success for the Club and presented another opportunity to put themselves in the public eye.

The event was sponsored by AXA/PPP and supported by Mall Solutions, owners of the shopping mall.

The picture shows the Mayor of Royal Tunbridge Wells with his certificate giving him the OK. Also in the picture are Sylvia Fuller, President of Southborough and District Lions Club and the Team Leader, Jacqui Jedrzejewski. Members of the Club acted as marshals throughout the day.



**PICTURED:** Southborough and District Lions Club blood sugar screening



**PICTURED:** (L-R) Richard Darlston (Club Vice-President and Treasurer), Jenny Fyfe (Club President) Wendy Coley (Medical Detection Dogs) and Keith Lawson-West, one of the Clubs founder members

## Medical Detection Dogs

Wendy Coley from the charity, Medical Detection Dogs, explained to members of the Oadby & Wigston Lions Club recently, how the specially trained dogs can save people having costly operations and investigative procedures. By using their very sensitive noses, the dogs can detect cancer and other life-threatening illnesses in the early stages. This early detection saves the NHS thousands of pounds and gives patients a better quality of life.

Wendy Coley explained that at present, their work is only funded by donations, so Oadby & Wigston Lions club are supporting this worthwhile scheme by raising funds during this Lions year.



**PICTURED:** Bridgend Lions President presenting the cheque to Dr Martyn Richards

## Donation to Clinic

Bridgend Lions' President, O J Paton, donated £500.00 to cardiologist, Dr Martyn Richards, of the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend in May. The money will be used to buy a television and a privacy screen for the cardio/respiratory clinic.



**PICTURED:** Wicklow and District Lions Club's Leo

## From Darkness into Light

Members of Wicklow and District Lions Club, (along with Leo) were up before the lark at 4.15am one weekend morning in May to raise awareness of Pieta House and the Darkness into Light Project, raising 25,000 euros.

Now in its ninth year, the Darkness into Light walk begins in darkness and thousands of people all over the world walk or

run a 5km route while the dawn is breaking. Last year 130,000 people woke up early to walk or run from the darkness into the light.

Pieta House provides a free, therapeutic approach to people who are in suicidal distress and those who engage in self-harm.

## Bravery Certificates

On 27th March, Eastleigh Lions restocked Southampton General Hospital with 5,000 'Bravery' certificates. These are presented to children after surgery to mark the event and provide them with a tangible reminder of how brave they were.

Eastleigh Lions were approached in the mid-1990s by an operating theatre nurse, who thought that it would help reduce the trauma and speed recovery if children received an award for being brave. Since that date, over 20,000 certificates have been supplied and funded at the Club's expense.



**PICTURED:** Members of the post-surgery nursing staff, who work in the theatre recovery unit, accepting the new stock from Lions Chris and Philip

**PICTURED:** Eastleigh Lions' new look Bravery certificate

## Local Families Helped by Helston Lions

Two local families have benefited from the generosity of two local clubs, including Helston Lions Club in their quest to ensure their children have a safer night's sleep. Sarah Phillips and Hollie Hallibone both have young children who suffer from epilepsy and many of their seizures are sleep-related so the 'Embrace epilepsy monitors' bought for Sarah and Hollie's children should make their nights less stressful.

Tamsin Blight is their local Face2Face representative at Oasis meetings,

which is a group that provides support for families and carers with children who have additional needs and disabilities.

"Tamsin suggested that the families might contact Lions for help, she said: "We give a range of support, from offering a listening ear when someone needs to talk about their situation, to advising where a family might be able to get funding, as in this case. This is a great outcome for both families."



**PICTURED:** Hoping for better nights



# Isaac's off to Canada

The Lions Club of Bletchley donated £500 to support Isaac's dreams of going to the 7th World Dwarf Games, the largest sporting event in history exclusively for athletes with dwarfism.

Isaac, who will be going to Canada in August to represent GB along with about 100 other participants, has already taken part in the

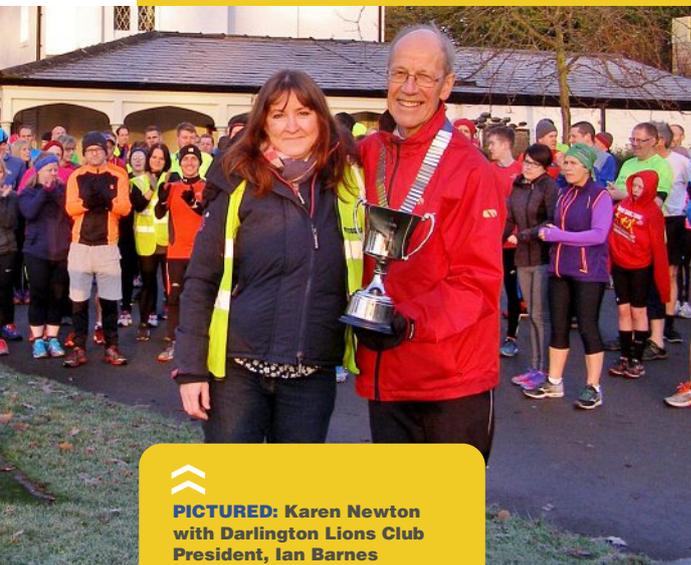
Dwarf Games in Britain and won many medals, including gold.

Whether they are part of a national team or independent, athletes compete against their peers in archery, badminton, basketball, boccia, floor hockey, curling, marksmanship, powerlifting, soccer, swimming, table tennis, track and field, and volleyball.



**PICTURED:** The Lions Club of Bletchley helped Isaac to attend the world dwarf games in Ontario, Canada

## Darlington Park Runners



**PICTURED:** Karen Newton with Darlington Lions Club President, Ian Barnes

Darlington Lions Club President, Ian Barnes, recently presented the Darlington Lions Club trophy to this year's winner, Karen Newton.

Darlington Lions were one of the main sponsors of the Darlington parkrun when founded in 2013 and Lion Ian, who is also a very keen runner, remains the Run Director of the event.

Every Saturday morning at 9am up to 300 runners of all standards and ages run the 5K course around the attractive South Park lake, starting and finishing by the bowling greens.

This very popular event is organised entirely by volunteers and each year the Darlington Lions Club trophy is presented to the volunteer of the year as chosen by the running club committee. This year's winner, Karen, takes several hundred photographs of the runners every weekend all of which appear later the same day on their club website.

Lion Ian commented that it was always a fun and community spirited parkrun and he was delighted that each year the event grows from strength to strength.

## Hastings Half Marathon

The Lions Club of Hastings held their 33rd annual Hastings half marathon in March, which attracted over 3,000 runners and walkers and raised an amazing £103,603 for charities.

Lion's Club President, Andrew Colthurst, said: "The 2017 Hastings Half Marathon is a wonderful event that benefits thousands of disadvantaged adults and children and my thanks go to my fellow Lions. Without their hard work throughout the year and afterwards, plus marshalling on the day, this event would not go ahead. A huge thanks also to our sponsors including SAGA, the Spire Hospital, Hastings Borough Council and Stagecoach Buses for their support."



**PICTURED:** The Hastings half marathon raised £103,306



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# LIBRA Fundraising Campaign Will Power Research into Blood Cancer Treatments

The Lions International Blood Research Appeal (LIBRA) is pleased to announce the launch of an exciting new fundraising campaign called Tree of Life, with a target of £100,000.

Funds will cover the cost of equipment required for the development of a ground-breaking leukaemia vaccine and other blood cancer treatments at King's College Hospital in London (King's).

LIBRA is King's official Haematology Charity and is the only charity in the world to solely support the world-renowned department.

Professor Ghulam Mufti OBE, Head of the Haematology Department at King's, recently provided LIBRA Trustees with a wish list of equipment required for the new clinical studies. As the funding required to make the research possible is substantial, LIBRA is calling on Lions Clubs, King's patients and their families,

along with the public, to help reach this target by the end of 2017.

The research equipment purchased will be used in a range of in-depth clinical studies as professors work to develop the new leukaemia vaccine for adult patients.

Professor Ghulam Mufti is most grateful for the support and said: "The equipment funded by LIBRA will have a critical impact on our research efforts at King's."

If you would like to support the Tree of Life campaign, please visit [www.libralionscharity.org](http://www.libralionscharity.org) to find out how you can make a difference.

## COLLABORATING WITH OTHER HEALTH EXPERTS

As part of new clinical studies, King's Haematology team is in collaboration with Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) and University College London Hospitals (UCL).

New treatment strategies developed at King's for adult patients are likely to help leukaemia and lymphoma patients, both adults and children, everywhere, including centres such as GOSH and UCL. Therefore, research work at King's, supported by LIBRA, will benefit adults and children with blood cancers.

Professor Farzin Farzaneh, Head of Molecular Medicine at King's, is leading the clinical studies and commented: "The value of support provided by LIBRA goes way beyond its monetary value, because of its ability to target specific needs in our research efforts."

## NEW LIBRA PENS

Please consider fundraising for LIBRA by selling the appeal's new branded pens in return for a donation. Available in pink and blue, the smart ballpoint pens have a comfortable grip.

LIBRA suggests a minimum donation of £1 per pen. Funds raised will go to the Tree of Life Campaign. To request pens, please call **01428 656283** or email [info@libralionscharity.org](mailto:info@libralionscharity.org)

If you and your Club would like to fundraise for the Tree of Life campaign, please visit the LIBRA website for ideas [www.libralionscharity.org](http://www.libralionscharity.org)





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# FAREWELL TO IRELAND

## New Beginnings

### District 105-I to District 133 Ireland

The first stage of MD 105's redistricting programme starts with the formation of Single District 133 Ireland on 4th July. By July 2019, the structure of the Lions Organisation on these islands will have fundamentally changed. Paul Allen, DG 105-I and Teresa Dineen DGE 133 Ireland report.

These changes are an opportunity to advance Lionism, to develop leadership, to help the Clubs meet their goals while sticking to the obligations of LCI and relevant legislation, at considerably reduced cost to members. This is a win-win situation. Of course, there will be some who will regret the passing of the old affiliations and that is understandable but Districts are not leaving Lions they are merely regrouping with new borders and status. The old friendships, the camaraderie, the individual friends will all remain as will the reason why we all joined Lions in the first place – to improve the lot of our fellow man.

Lions in Ireland do not feel that we are saying 'farewell', we believe that we are just entering a new and exciting phase in our relationship with the Multiple District. The connections, friendships and working relationships built up over the last 62 years, since Dublin Lions Club was sponsored by London Lions Club and Capitol Hill Lions Club, Washington, will prevail and develop as the torch passes to successive generations in this new century of service. We are proud of our history as an active, positive and constructive member of the Multiple District 105, we are proud that Past International President, Bert Mason, was our first District Governor. Successive District Governors have worn his chain with pride and tried to emulate his leadership. That chain will continue in service with District 133 Ireland and PIP Bert will continue to inspire a new generation of Irish Lions.

We will continue to share District Governor training, participate in common insurance arrangements and co-operate in the Young Ambassador of the 21st Century Award. So, we are not slipping away across the Irish Sea, we are just repositioning our District to better stand alongside our friends and fellow Lions in MD 105 and further afield.

The new Districts of the future Multiple District 105 and District 133 Ireland will now have the same opportunities to refocus our energies, restate our commitments and enhance our respective membership bases to increase our services to our communities. Let us offer each other our continued good will

and support, let us all go forward into the next century of service in the friendship and spirit of co-operation that we have enjoyed for the last 62 years.

#### LCI COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP



An Post (the Irish Postal Service) has agreed to mark the Centenary of the founding of Lions with a 'Lions Stamp' which will be issued on 1st June 2017. The stamp features a photograph from the Lions Annual Holiday Project in June 2016 and reflects the International Motto of Lions 'We Serve'. Recognising the international scope of Lions, An Post has decided that the stamp should be for postage worldwide at €1.35.

#### CLUB ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

As we now close the 105 I Chapter of our shared Lion history it is perhaps appropriate to highlight some of the activities and services bring carried out by Clubs in Ireland. In common with all the Districts in the Multiple District, 105 I functions at all three levels – locally, District level and internationally.



## Armagh Lions Club



**PICTURED:** Pupils Alison Donaghy and Ryan Johnston, Lord Mayor Garath Keating, The Stig, Dandy Lion, Conor McElmeel (Minibus supplier), Sandra Flynn (Principal); Siobhan Scowcroft (Vice Principal) and Armagh Lions Eileen Hamilton, David Elliott and Malcolm Dawson

In their 12 years existence, Armagh Lions has provided three adapted minibus to various groups in the community, as well as an ambulance for St John Ambulance. The latest in this amazing contribution to its community was the handover of a new minibus to Lisanally Special School.

## Ballinahinch Lions Club



**PICTURED:** Ballinahinch Lions Club enjoying their 28th Annual 10k and 5k runs in April

## Birr Lions Club



Riverview Resources Centre in Birr is a centre for adults with special needs. The Centre recently acquired an outdoor area adjacent to their premises and an approach was made to Birr Lions for support in renovating the space and making it suitable for the needs of the people using the Centre. Birr Lions funded the purchase of user-friendly recycled garden furniture. A sensory garden was also planted with the assistance of the residents. Birr Community School Transition Years students painted murals on the walls. It has been a very successful project for Birr Lions and the local community.

## Carrick on Suir Lions Club



**PICTURED:** Brian White, Stephanie Keating, Ann Ellis and Pat Murphy on the Big Clean Up with two Lion friends



**PICTURED:** Carrick on Suir President, Ann Ellis, and Janet White enjoying a little relaxation after the Big Clean up on our new seat!

As part of its Centennial Community Legacy Project, Carrick on Suir Lions Club organised a major clean-up of one of the park areas by the river and provided three inscribed marble seats and foundations, and planted a mature tree to commemorate the Lions' Centenary, in addition to improving visibility on the riverbank and slipways.

## Carrickfergus Lions Club



**PICTURED:** Carrickfergus Lions Club taking part in the Learning Disability Pride Parade and Fun Day in Carrickfergus on 27th May



### Corrib Lions Club

Corrib Lions Club serves east Galway city and the Oranmore hinterland. Chartered just 15 years ago, it has distributed almost €150,000 in support of local, national, and international projects, in addition to providing ongoing direct voluntary support to various worthy projects at both local and national levels. Recent local projects have included contributing €2,500 to fund a specially commissioned tricycle for the Kilcornan Respite Service in Clarenbridge, which will enable many of their clients to enjoy access to much of the 30 acres of woodland walkways. Another recent service project was the completion of an Employment Readiness programme for Asylum Seekers in Direct Provision in Galway. The programme, involving both funding by Corrib Lions Club and direct volunteering by some members, provides guidance and direction through education and mentoring to Asylum Seekers, many of whom successfully gained work experience placements on completion of the programme.

### Downpatrick Lions Club



**PICTURED:** Downpatrick Lions Club continues to provide life-saving defibrillators



**PICTURED:** Downpatrick Lions Club donated £1,050 to Riding for the Disabled



**PICTURED:** Downpatrick Lions Club donating funds to support Mourne Mountain Rescue Team

### Dun Laoghaire Lions Club



**PICTURED:** Dun Laoghaire Lions Club supporting a bed-push fundraiser for the National Rehabilitation Hospital

The centenary project of Dun Laoghaire Lions Club, is to fund the construction of a tranquillity garden in the grounds of a new 120-bed facility at the National Rehabilitation Hospital. The hospital provides a specialist rehabilitation services to patients from throughout Ireland who have acquired a physical or cognitive disability and require specialist rehabilitation.

### Portarlington Lions Club



**PICTURED:** Portarlington Lions Club Annual Charity Hunt



**PICTURED:** Portarlington Lions Annual Family Fun Day

### Roscommon Lions Club

The remarkable vision and endeavour of a very active Lions Club in the West of Ireland has led to success at a national awards ceremony. Roscommon Lions Club won a Pride of Place





**PICTURED:** The Quad Youth Centre



**PICTURED:** The Quad Youth Centre, Lions meeting the needs of youth

Award in recognition of its flagship project, the Quad Youth Centre, located in Roscommon Town.

Pride of Place, an all-Ireland competition, allows community groups to show their pride in the achievements of their own community.

The Quad Youth Centre was opened in 2009 after the project was initiated and driven by Roscommon Lions Club. The Centre now provides facilities for hundreds of young people every week with Roscommon Lions Club continuing to have a key role. One of the Quads innovative projects is Techspace which includes Coder Dojo, robotics and Scratch with plans to expand into the areas of sound production, graphic production, animation, video production and photography.

### Sligo Lions Club



**PICTURED:** Lion Mary Henry receiving an International President's Certificate of Appreciation for her leadership in chairing the District Carer's Weekend Project from Club President, Michael Leyden

### Thurles Lions Club



**PICTURED:** The vintage and classic car show was a spectacular success

Thurles Lions Club hosted their second annual vintage and classic car show recently, and what a truly spectacular show it was. The event had everything for the perfect family day out with early summer sunshine adding to the occasion. There were 195 vintage and classic vehicles on show, but the vintage and classic car show was only one of the many attractions at the event. While this element of the day is the main attraction, Thurles Lions Club are attempting to build an annual event for the town by having multiple attractions on offer.

This year, more than 25 craft and artisan stalls, showcasing and selling beautifully crafted and personalised pieces, were there. A big attraction was the 'Mo Chara' organised dog show, multiple amusements were in place for the younger attendants in addition to face painting, circus acts and food stalls. For the more mature, there was the vintage dress competition.

### ZONE AND DISTRICT ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

#### Fort2Fort Fundraising Cycle



**PICTURED:** At the Fort2Fort Committee's Cheque presentation night 2017, a staggering €22,575 was raised

The Fort2Fort fundraising 80km cycle is one of the largest ongoing projects where five Cork Lions Clubs (Carrigaline and District, Douglas, Midleton, Cork and Cobh Lions Clubs) from the one Zone come together for the benefit of the larger community. This year, the event had over 500 participants. Now in its sixth year, the event has raised over €140,000 for Cork charities to date. It is a professionally run event, well established on the avid cyclist's calendar and a wonderful example of what Lions do. All the funds raised go directly to Lions Clubs projects, the Mercy Cancer CARE Centre and the Fort Meagher Restoration Fund.

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## » Darkness into Light

Wicklow Lions Club's 'Leo the lion' was the official starter for the 'Darkness into light' 5km dawn walk/run in Wicklow recently, in aid of Pieta House. (See the full report on page 47)

### Diabetes screening



**PICTURED:** The Minister for Health, Simon Harris T.D. undergoes diabetes screening at the Lions Club stand at the National Ploughing Championships. Minister Harris is better known as Adam's older brother. (Adam Harris successfully represented the MD at the Young Ambassador of 21st Century Award at the EUROPA Forum)

In September, each year the Lions Clubs of Ireland provide free diabetes screening at the National Ploughing Championships. Last year 7,000 people were tested over the three-day event with the assistance of 15 Lions Clubs – Abbeyleix, Baltinglass, Bantry, Birr, Carlow, Kilcullen, Monasterevin, Naas, Newbridge-Kildare, Portlaoise, Portarlington, Portumna, Roscommon, Thurles and Tullamore. The event creates a very positive media interest with TV, radio and newspaper coverage including live interviews.

### Guide and companion dogs



**PICTURED:** Members of Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind with DG Paul at Convention 2017

The Lions 105 I Centenary Guide Dogs Project continues with 69 Clubs participating. This is a three-year project which plans to raise over €100,000 towards a guide/companion dog breeding programme in partnership with Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind and Northern Ireland Guide Dogs. Now nearing the end of its second year over €72,000 (£63,000) has been raised to date.

## Annual holiday week



**PICTURED:** The Lions Clubs (105 I) annual holiday



**PICTURED:** A full and varied programme throughout the week



**PICTURED:** Guests can be completely themselves in a safe environment

The Lions Clubs (105 I) annual holiday, primarily for the old and lonely, takes place in Trabolgan Holiday Village in June each year. Over 600 guests, Lions and helpers from throughout the District book in for the week. The first holiday was organised in 1981 by Dublin Lions Club, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Club and it immediately became an annual event.

Since its start in 1981, the holiday has catered for over 32,000 guests at a cost in today's values of around €8,000,000.

There is a full and varied programme throughout the week including dancing, competitions, supervised aqua aerobics, a daily walking challenge, bus tours plus shows each evening. Minibuses and buggies are on hand to transport those with mobility difficulties and medical assistance, including an Order of Malta mobile unit, is on hand 24 hours a day.

One of the great attractions of the holiday is that it allows the guests to meet with persons of their own age and swap stories and experiences. Guests can be completely themselves in a safe environment.

The Project Chairman, Lion Donal Browning, commented: "I was delighted when asked to take over as Project Chairman in 2015. The joy that you see on the faces of our guests during the week makes the work of organising the holiday really worthwhile. I'm also proud of the way that our Lions and helpers give up their time to ensure that our guests are cared for and have a good time. It's a fantastic project."





## INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

### The forgotten children



**PICTURED:** Syrian refugee children enjoying school in the Norwegian Lions Safe Centre in the Beqaa Valley, Lebanon

This project led by the Norwegian Lions aims is to establish safe educational and recreational areas in the refugee camps in Lebanon for Syrian Children in the Camps. One has already been completed by the Norwegian Lions. Fundraising is ongoing and 105 I hopes to finance the building of one safe centre at a cost of \$100K.

### Dublin Lions Club – Nandri Project



**PICTURED:** Dublin Lions Club Nandri Project

In February of this year, LCIF awarded a grant of \$50,000 to District 105 I. The grant was for a pilot LCIF micro-enterprise programme, where relatively small amounts of money are loaned, in this case, to impoverished mothers in India, for the purpose of buying an income generating asset such as a cow.

Dublin Lions Club promoted this application with the support of other Lions Clubs in the zone. The Clubs had to come up with matching funds of \$16,667. Some of this funding was provided by Nandri.org which is an Irish registered charity.

Lion Fred Crowe, a member of Dublin Lions Club, is the voluntary CEO of Nandri. A micro enterprise loan is life-changing for a rural, illiterate Indian family with few assets. Mothers selected by Nandri to benefit from the LCIF loan programme are either widows or single parents. Each recipient mother is part of a mother's self-help group with about 20 members. Each group will guarantee the loans of its member thus achieving over 99 percent recovery rate. Each month, loan repayments are immediately re-loaned. Every two

years, over 200 families will receive a loan. The LCIF fund will go on indefinitely benefiting the lives of impoverished women and their families.

### The resting place



**PICTURED:** Lion President, Stuart Adair MJF, presenting a copy of the report to the Mayor of Mid and East Antrim Council, Cllr Audrey Wales MBE, in the presence of Lions Herbie Park MBE MJF, Myron Evans MJF and the previous Mayor, Cllr Billy Ashe

A truly memorable humanitarian project by Ballymena Lions Club to honour the memory of those who never got the opportunity to return home. Few people in Ireland realise that almost 3,000 evacuees from war-time Gibraltar were housed in camps in the Ballymena area of Northern Ireland from 1944 to 1948.

The Resting Place Project was initiated when the Lions Club of Gibraltar asked Ballymena Lions Club to locate the 42 graves of evacuees who died during this period. Ballymena Lions found all 42 grave positions in the Cushendall Road Cemetery.

Following discussion between the Clubs, Ballymena Lions submitted a report to the Gibraltar Government, the Lions Club of Gibraltar and the Mid and East Antrim Borough Council. As a result of their efforts, a memorial rock cairn containing 42 stones will now be placed in Ballymena cemetery alongside a plaque with the 42 names.

## TO ALL OUR MEMBERS IN IRELAND

Whilst reading through the varied and numerous acts of public service reported in this issue of LION, I am amazed at the diversity and originality of service projects shown by members, not least by the members of Ireland. As I read through this issue there have been many reports of life changing projects to individuals and also groups which have been major contribution to the various communities and show the true spirit of Lionism.

We will be sorry to see you leave our multiple district but also know that you are still there as fellow Lions.

Please keep in touch, as we will be interested to see how you are progressing and look forward to possibly exchanging stories in the future.

We wish you all every success and know that "Where there is a need, there is an Irish Lion"

**John Hall**  
Chairman of the Management Committee



# OBITUARIES

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.



**BENSON: Lion Colin (79)**

*Wilmslow & District Lions Club*

Wilmslow & District Lions are saddened to announce the death of Lion Colin. Colin joined Lions in 2013 and was an enthusiastic member. His main passion was youth football and as he had been a professional footballer, he enjoyed passing on his experiences and expertise to a new generation. He will be missed by all the members of the Club. Our sympathies are with Lion Pat.

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**BINDLEY: Lion John**

*Swadlincote & District Lions Club*

Swadlincote & District Lions Club is saddened to report that Lion John Bindley has passed to Higher Service. He was a member of Burton on Trent Lions Club for 15 years before he joined Swadlincote & District Lions Club in 1997 and was President at both. He was a dedicated Lion who made a real difference to his community and we will remember him with gratitude and pride. John will be sorely missed by his fellow Lions and friends. Our heartfelt condolences go to his wife, Luciana (Lucy), and his daughters, Mandy and Lisa.

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**DAWE: Lion Roger MJF**

*Godalming and Villages Lions Club*

Godalming and Villages Lions Club is deeply saddened to announce the passing of our Charter Member, Roger Dawe. Roger joined Guildford Lions Club in 1973 and was one of the founder members of Godalming Lions in 1984. He was a constant support and inspiration throughout the years even though, latterly, he could no longer attend meetings. Our thoughts are with his wife, Mary, and all his family.

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**FREEMAN: Lion Doreen**

*Bletchley, Milton Keynes Lions Club*

It is with great sadness that Bletchley Lions Club reports the death of Lion Doreen on 1st May aged 78 years. She joined Harrow and Pinner Lions in 1994 and joined Bletchley in 2009 after moving to Milton Keynes. She was Club President in 2012/13 and served in many capacities. She will be particularly remembered for her meticulous work on the Club's scrapbooks that won both District and Multiple District competitions. These books are a lasting tribute to her as a popular club member who will be missed by colleagues, friends and family.

**GALLAGHER: Lion Paul (75)**

*Omagh Lions Club*

We are saddened to report the sudden passing of our dear friend, Paul, who joined Lions in 1982 and twice served as President. He had a ready wit and he brought fun to our meetings and charter celebrations. Paul's magic entertained residents of local homes for the elderly and he also organised talent competitions. Deepest sympathies go to Maura and family.

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**GOODE: Eric MJF**

*Chipping Sodbury Lions Club*

We sadly report the passing of Eric, a Past President and a lion for over 37 years. He was a quiet and gentle man who was the lead in organising the Club's annual choir concert with the Maesteg Male Voice Choir. As a fitting tribute, the whole choir travelled from Maesteg to sing in Eric's honour at his funeral.

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**HARRISON: Lion Peter (83)**

*Witney Lions Club*

With great sadness we have to advise the passing of Peter. He joined the Club in 1979, was President in 1982/83 and Joint Extension Officer when we formed Carterton Lions. He was an active member on our Welfare Committee until his declining health prevented him from being involved in any Club activity. Our thoughts go out to Rosemary and their daughter, Samantha and son in law, Alan.

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**HAWKINS: Lion John**

*Uckfield & District Lions Club*

Uckfield & District Lions Club announce the death in March of our dear friend and colleague, John Hawkins. John joined Uckfield Lions in 1987, he was active in all aspects of Club life and was awarded his 30 year service chevron at the March business meeting. John had been a Privileged Member for many years but still supported the Christmas sleigh by being Santa. He was well respected and will be sadly missed. Our sincere condolences and thoughts are with his wife Margaret, Lion Kevin and Val and family.

**HEARN: Lion William (Bill) Arthur (77)**

*Newhaven, Peacehaven and Seaford Lions Club*

We are sad to announce the passing to Higher Service, Lion Bill Hearn, an active member of N.P&S Lions for 23 years. He served on the fundraising committee from 1994 till 2000, then became the Welfare Officer (East) until 2005. In 2006, Bill became Officer for sight and spectacles recycling until he died in January, having collected more than 30,000 pairs of spectacles. Bill will be missed by all. Our thoughts are with his wife Jane, children Richard and Deborah and grandchildren Max, Daniel and Theodore.

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**HELLIWELL: Lion Don***Solihull Lions Club*

Solihull Lions Club are sad to announce the passing away of Lion Don Helliwell. Don leaves wife, Pat and children, John and Karen. A much respected member of the Club, he served as President in the 1979/80 year after joining in November 1972. He had served in most official Club capacities with distinction and acted as the Lions Link Officer with the City of Birmingham police force during the very successful Lions International Convention of 1998.

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**HOLWELL: Lion Rob Rob (65)***East Grinstead & District Lions Club*

East Grinstead & District Club Secretary, Rob Holwell, died suddenly at home in March. He leaves a wife, Sandra and two sons, David and Jonathan. He joined the Club in 1994 and held a number of offices during his 23 years of service. He was President in 2004/5 and again in 2013/14 before becoming Club Secretary in July 2014 and Zone Secretary in 2015. A very popular club member, local volunteer and friend, he will be sadly missed.

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**HUDSON: Lion Douglas (98)***York Lions Club*

Lion Douglas had been a Lion for 54 years, joining in Cheltenham then Leeds Skyrack and York in 1973. Without doubt, he was one of life's characters, with many a joke and a tale to tell. He had been President in 1976 and Treasurer many times. Douglas was very prominent in forming the club twinning with the German Lions Club, Mulheim a.d. Ruhr in 1976. York Lions send their sympathy to Douglas' daughters, Jane and Susan and his grandchildren, Paul, Adam, Katy and Robert.

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**HUNT: Lion Donald Frank (Don) (84)***Balsall Common Lions Club*

Don had been a member since 2008 and although Don never held any office, he was always a keen member and in spite of his age, would try and do everything, volunteering for most things. A very sociable man, with a great sense of humour, he was unique in many ways and will be missed by us all.

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**JOBBINS: Lion Pearl (80)***Walsall Lions Club*

Sadly, Walsall Lions Club announce the passing of Lion Pearl, who died peacefully in January after a battle with Alzheimer's disease. Lion Pearl tirelessly supported her husband Mike during his District and Multiple District involvement and when he was DG in 1982/3. Lion Pearl rallied District Lions Ladies supporting Breast Cancer Research at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, winning her an International President's Award and was the forerunner of all the DG Partner's projects. She will be sadly missed.

**JONES: Doctor Lion Terence Hubert Donald (66)***Feltham & Whitton Lions Club*

Honorary Member, Terry, was an active and respected Lion for 43 years; joining in Rhodesia as a Leo in 1972, Port Shepstone, Untentweni, South Africa in 1975, Enfield in 2005, Staines & Ashford in 2013 then Feltham & Whitton in 2015. He had been ill for over a year but still kept in touch and attended meeting and events. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife, Barbara, and his family.

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**LAWRENCE: Lion Phil***Redditch Lions Club*

Redditch Lions Club are sad to announce the unexpected death of Lion President Phil Lawrence on March 28th 2017. Born in 1943, Phil joined Bicester Lions Club in 1989 and became a Melvin Jones Fellow in 1996. On moving to the Midlands with his work, Phil joined Studley Lions Club and later, in 2000, Redditch Lions Club. Since then Phil served as Club President on three separate occasions, including this year. Phil leaves his wife, Mags, and will be sadly missed at the Club, his family and friends.

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**MACKENZIE: Lion Ian Scott***Guildford Lions Club*

Guildford Lions Club is saddened to report the passing of our last Charter Member as we celebrate our 50th year serving Guildford and the wider community. Ian was instrumental in the formation of the Club and was President for the first two years. He served in most posts within the Club, and was SE District Governor in 1975 - 1976. Ian continued to have a keen interest in Lions and earlier this year, he was presented with his 50 years membership chevron. Our condolences go to his wife, Barbara, and his family.

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**ROGERS: Lion Barry MJF (84)***Radstock & Midsomer Norton Lions Club*

The Radstock & Midsomer Norton Lions Club is most sad to report the passing into higher service of Lion Barry Rogers. He became a Lion in January 1990, serving as Chair of Activities for many years and Club President on two occasions, receiving a Melvyn Jones Fellowship Award in recognition of this dedicated service to Lionism. Our thoughts are with his wife, Joan, and family. He will be sorely missed.

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**RYDER: Lion Neil (73)***Lancaster & Morecambe Lions Club*

Lancaster & Morecambe Lions Club are saddened to report the passing of Neil Ryder, a Club member for 16 years. An enthusiastic and truly professional photographer and public relations member - not only for his Club, Zone and District but also MD as a District Editor, Lions Magazine and Press Liaison Officer. He will be sadly missed and our condolences go to his wife, Lion Rosie and his family.

**SCHMITT: Lion Karl***Guildford Lions Club*

Guildford Lions were shocked by the sudden and unexpected death of Karl who was due to become President on 1st July this year. A member since 1987, Karl had held many posts within the Club including Public Relations Officer; Activities Chairman and Welfare Chairman. As Chairman of numerous charity ball committees, many tens of thousands of pounds were raised for local charities and special schools. Our heartfelt thoughts are with his wife, Sonya, and their family.

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**TURNER: Lion Allison MJF (73)***Cosham Lions Club*

The Lions Club of Cosham reports with great sadness the passing to Higher Service of Lion Allison Turner MJF. Allison became a Lion in 2008 serving both as Club President and Treasurer. Although not at all well, she knew her husband, John, was to be presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship at the Club's recent 50th Charter Anniversary and she was determined to be there, not knowing that she too would be awarded the same honour at that same event.

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**VENNER: Lion Tony***Horley Lions Club*

Horley Lions Club are saddened to announce the passing of a distinguished and hardworking Lion, Tony, who would always put himself out for others both street collecting, or taking Heatherley Cheshire residents to football on a Saturday. He instigated and organised a darts tournament 1989, which raised a staggering £4,500 and he will be sorely missed.

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**WALLER: PDG Lion Henry (Harry) (84)***Sleaford & District Lions Club*

We are sad to report the passing of Lion Harry, a well-known and respected member of the Lions family since 1978. He has held most of the offices within the Club, including President on five occasions and was MD105E District Governor in 1989/90. Harry remained an active Lion, including a term as Chairman of the District Forward Planning Committee, until the last few years when illness forced him to slow down. Our thoughts are with his wife, Sheila, and her family.

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**WHITTLE: Lion Albert MJFD***Wimbourne and Ferndown Lions Club*

With sadness, Wimbourne and Ferndown Lions Club records the passing to Higher Service of PDG Lion Albert Whittle MJFD, their last surviving Charter Member respected by all. During his 47 years' service he held many offices including District Governor in 1977/78 and was proud to be a Melvyn Jones Fellow. Although in his 89th year, he was active in all Club activities until his illness. Albert was a his knowledge, guidance and advice will be sorely missed.

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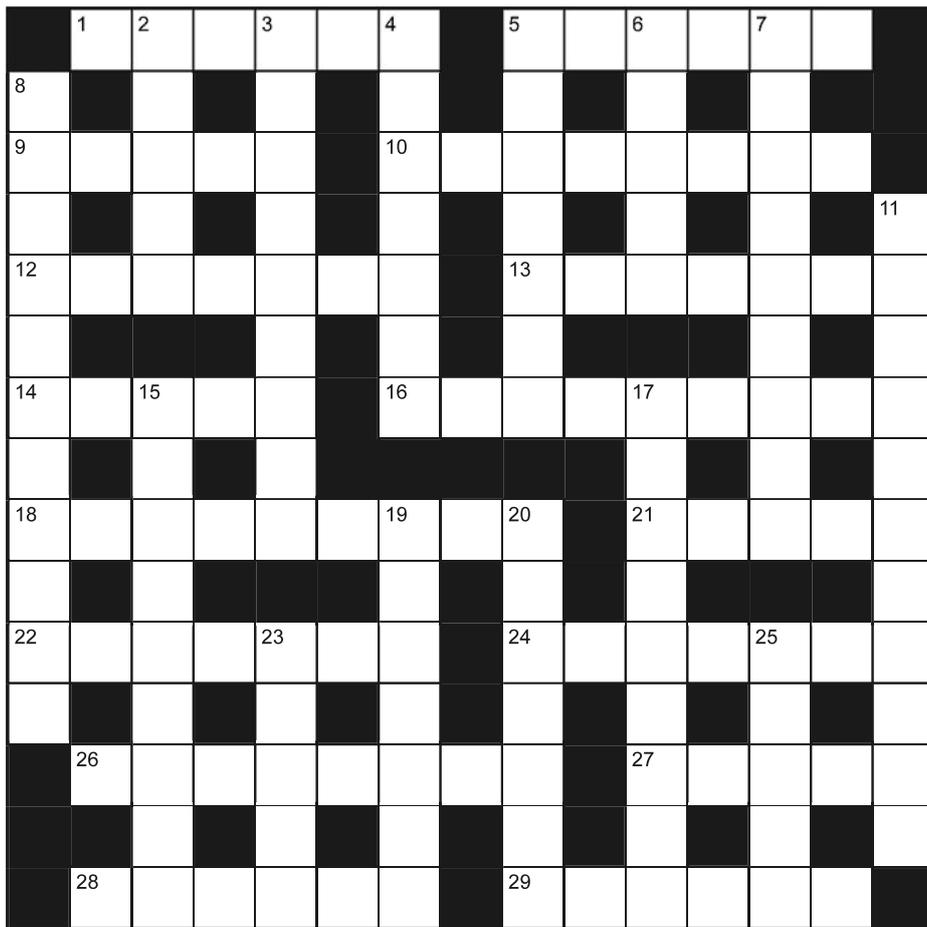
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**ACROSS**

- 1. They work on cars doing better than the experts? (5,7)
- 9. Song about region largely in US state (7)
- 10. Left in charge of first of obituary columns (7)
- 11. Vegetable served with one bird or another (7)
- 12. Cloth acceptable for Native American (7)
- 13. Decorative work produces popular song (5)
- 14. Runs into a very sad, crushed opponent (9)
- 16. Female gave a kiss when nagged (9)
- 19. Make secure by holding drink back (5)
- 21. Achieves destruction of satanist without leader (7)
- 23. A canoe comes to grief around island in Pacific area (7)
- 24. Reconstruct buried ruins round lake (7)
- 25. Send a daughter clothing (7)
- 26. Don't heighten problem of acceptable behaviour (3,4,5)

**DOWN**

- 2. Girl from Ayr initially going to great trouble (7)
- 3. Frugality shown by company in management of money (7)
- 4. Moorish sailor's card game (9)
- 5. Like little picture of jelly? (5)
- 6. Nobleman, one with the Queen previously (7)
- 7. Philosopher from Australia found in Spain perhaps (7)
- 8. A long time finding Eeyore's age? (7,5)
- 9. Building designed for performances, or part of one (12)
- 15. Recording of top diva performing around eastern Spain (9)
- 17. After stick-up I will get time – it's nothing (3,1,3)
- 18. Not entirely bothered if I certify large building (7)
- 19. Adaptation of the Bard shows broadness (7)
- 20. One abandons new internal source of light (7)
- 22. Unsociable sort is unhappy at party (5)



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