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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Reaching for new horizons

Hello, Lions!

I am incredibly honoured to be beginning this year as your International President. My theme is We Serve, and I am excited about what we can achieve together through service. We have a lot to do, and I'm ready to help you take a few steps out of your comfort zone. Being a Lion isn't about doing the same thing year after year in the name of tradition. Being a Lion means looking for how you can best be of service. Sometimes, that requires creative problem solving. If you're not sure what that means or how to do it, I'm going to help you.

“Being daring is part of our Lion DNA”

Here are a few things I want us to focus on this year:

Membership. It's on everyone's mind. How can we not only recruit new members, but keep our current members and build leaders who can take our work into this next century of service? One way we can do this is through balanced membership, including both genders and people from all walks of life, who can bring their life experiences to bear on the service work we do.

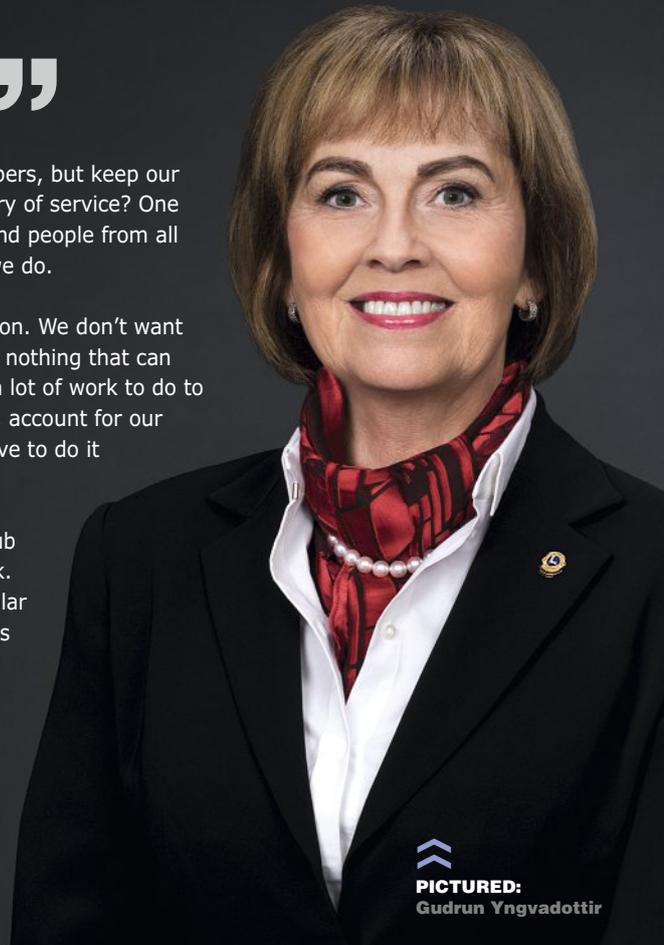
Friendship. Comradery has always been a part of the experience of being a Lion. We don't want to lose sight of the importance of building friendships through service. There is nothing that can bond people more closely than working together to help others. Yes, we have a lot of work to do to reach our goal of serving 200 million people per year. We must organise better, account for our work better, be more creative in how we approach problems. But we do not have to do it without a sense of humour, a sense of fun.

Lastly, I want to revive a lost art. And that's the art of storytelling. After your Club completes a service project, take a moment to write down the story of your work. Who did you help? Why? What circumstances led you to reach out in that particular way? It's through stories that we connect and learn. And if we share those stories with others looking to serve, we can multiply our capacity for change.

Lions, I am excited to be your new President. I am ready to make this a year in which we all reach new horizons when We Serve together.

Yours,

Gudrun Yngvadottir
International President, Lions Clubs International



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Editorial



HELLO THERE

You may have noticed that there's been a bit of a gap between our last issue (Spring 2018) and this one. Well, that's because we now publish four issues a year, instead of the six that we have all been accustomed to.

Lion magazine has played a key role in keeping Lions informed and connected for nearly a century but technology is changing the way the world is reading and finding information, that's why the LCI International Board of Directors voted to change the Lion magazine publishing model by reducing the number of print issues and adding a digital magazine counterpart.

While it's lovely to sit on the sofa and read your Lion magazine with a cup of tea sometimes, the digital version: (<http://lionsclubs.co/MemberArea/>) gives you lots of extras.

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The printed version of Lion isn't going away, but we realise that the digital version offers a new magazine experience that just isn't possible in print. Videos bring stories to life and you can share stories on social media so that your community can see the incredible service that we're providing.

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Nicky Rogers
Lion Editor

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WELCOME 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 have joined since March 2018.

DISTRICT 105 A

Bletchley Milton Keynes	1
Feltham and Whitton	1
Harrow and Pinner	2
Hatch End Lions Centennial	3
High Wycombe	2
London Acton	4
London Central Host	1
London Covent Garden	1
London Hendon	6
London Kingsbury	1
London seven kings	1
London Westminster	2
Stevenage Corey's Mill	1
Watford	1
Wembley	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	28

DISTRICT 105 C

Beverley Westwood	1
Boroughbridge 98	1
Bradford Central	1
Bramley and Wickersley	2
Castleford and Pontefract District	1
Derwent	1
Elmet	1
Featherstone	1
Garforth and District	1
Goole District	1
Haltemprice	4
Holme Valley	2
Hornsea District	1
Keighley	1
Knaresborough	1
Pocklington District	3
Thorne Rural	1
Wetherby District	2
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	26

DISTRICT 105 D

Blackmore Vale	3
Christchurch	1
Dorchester and District	1
Eastleigh	2
Fleet	1
Gillingham Mere and Shaftesbury	1
Hook-Odiham	1
Isle of Wight Newport	1
Isle of Wight Sandown Shanklin	1
Meon Valley	2
New Milton	1
Poole	1
Warminster	1
Westbury	3
Windsor	3
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	23

DISTRICT 105 E

Barton on Humber	1
Caistor and District	3
Glanford and Lindsey	1
Humberston North Sea	1
Hykeham	1
Market Rasen	1
North Notts	1
Rutland	1
Shepshed	1
Woodhall Spa	2
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	13

DISTRICT 105 M

Balsall Common	2
Birmingham Chinatown	1
Coventry Godiva	1
Harborough 2012	1
Kingswinford-Stourbridge	1
Lutterworth	1
Rugby Rokeby	4
Shakespeare	2
Shirley	1
Towcester and District	1
Walsall	1
Warwick	2
Wellingborough and District	1
Wolverhampton	1
Worcester Worcs	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	21

DISTRICT 105 W

Aberystwyth	1
Chippenham	1
Chipping Sodbury	1
Frome	2
Gower and Llchwyr Estuary	2
Ross on Wye	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	8

DISTRICT 105 BN

Accrington	1
Birchwood	1
Cockermouth	3
Garstang District	1
Isle of Man	1
Keswick	2
Kirkham and Fylde Rural	1
Leigh	6
Leyland and Cuerden Valley	2
Maghull and District	1
Southport	1
Warrington	1
Windermere and Ambleside	2
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	23

DISTRICT 105 BS

Bridgnorth	2
Cannock	2
Gnosall Newport and District	3
Lichfield	1
Romiley Marple and District	2
Telford	1
Uttoxeter	1
Wallasey	1
Wrexham Maelor	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	14

DISTRICT 105 EA

Acle and Brundall	3
Braintree	1
Bungay Area	3
Chelmsford	8
Clacton on Sea	1
Dereham	1
East Anglia Centennial 100	15
Littleport	2
Long Stratton	1
Mersea Island	2
Peterborough	5
Sheringham and Cromer	2
Stowmarket and District	1
Swaffham and District	2
UEA Campus	111
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	158

DISTRICT 105 NE

Aberdeen	1
Aberdeen Bon Accord	1
Alnwick	3
Ayr and Prestwick	1
City of Edinburgh	7
Consett	1
Dalbeattie and District	3
Darlington	1
Dumbarton	1
Dundee City	2
Easingwold District	2
Kirkcaldy and District	1
Malton Norton	4
Morpeth	2
Stonehaven and District	2
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	32

DISTRICT 105 SE

Bexhill on Sea	1
Cranleigh and District	1
Deal and Walmer	1
Folkestone	2
Gravesend District	4
Henfield and District	1
Horsham	1
Midhurst	1
Selsey and District	2
Southborough	1
Swale	1
Tenterden	2
Tonbridge	2
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	20

DISTRICT 105 SW

Budleigh Salterton	1
Cheddar Vale	1
Crewkerne	3
Exeter West	1
Hayle	2
Holsworthy	1
Launceston	3
Liskeard	1
Okehampton	1
Padstow and District	3
Saltash	2
Sidmouth	2
Tavistock	1
Wadebridge	1
Yeo Valley	1
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	24



WE SERVE THE WORLD AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES WITH PRIDE, COMPASSION AND KINDNESS.

But there's a world of service yet to be reached. One that lives within our collective aspirations. Once discovered, it will open a level of humanitarian good the world has never seen. It's out there, somewhere **BEYOND THE HORIZON.**



Lions Clubs International

CHARTING OUR COURSE

Pursuing New Horizons with International
President, Gudrun Yngvadottir

In the brisk air of the North Atlantic Ocean lies a small country.

It's a land defined by natural beauty and discovery. It's a place of grit and unwavering innovation, where nearly 100 percent of the electricity comes from renewable sources and seven of every thousand people are Lions, the highest ratio in the world.

So what is this small, but impressive, country?

It's Iceland, and it's the home of our 2018-2019 International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir. President Yngvadottir joined the Eik Lions Club in 1992 and, from that moment on, has served her local community and the world with the passion, care and vigor both Lions and Iceland are known for.

“TO REACH BEYOND OUR LIMITS,
WE MUST REACH WITHIN OUR
CLUBS, COMMUNITIES AND SELVES.”

- International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir



REACHING BEYOND, TOGETHER

If you go to Iceland, there's a phrase you'll often hear. Its meaning is both simple and inspirational, and it sums up the Icelandic capacity to achieve the seemingly impossible.

“THETTA REDDAST”

—it means that everything will work out, somehow, no matter how large a problem may be, through hard work, trust and community.

With this attitude guiding their way, the people of Iceland have been a shining example to the world of how to live harmoniously with their neighbors and the planet.

Consider these notable Icelandic statistics:

#01

most peaceful country in the world by the Global Peace Index

#02

healthiest country in the world by the Bloomberg Global Health Index

#03

happiest country in the world by the World Happiness Report



The sense of unity that helps Iceland thrive is the same attitude that allows Lions across the globe to make their communities stronger, healthier and safer.

Being a Lion is a unique experience. And an incredible honor. Our communities depend on us to meet needs that would otherwise go unmet. They entrust us with the care of some of our most vulnerable neighbors—lives and futures that can be forever altered by an act of kindness. We are men and women who realize that giving back changes lives. Including our own.

There is a spark when people come together to serve. When we unite to make our communities better, we become better. And closer to the people we serve.

TOGETHER, WE CAN REACH BEYOND OUR LIMITS.

WHERE HORIZONS MEET

With an eye toward the future, president Yngvadottir will help Lions discover more impactful service projects as well as greater service outcomes. She is a resilient advocate of LCI Forward and believes in promoting the core abilities and benefits of Lions as a way of reaching the goal of serving 200 million people per year by 2021.

This year's focus is a challenge for all Lions to move beyond their service barriers. If a horizon is viewed not as an unreachable limit, but rather as an evolving destination that can be reached through kindness and compassion, then together Lions can provide more good to more people than we ever thought possible.





“THERE IS ALWAYS AN OBSTACLE. LIONS CHANGE OBSTACLES INTO OPPORTUNITIES.”

- International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir

We can achieve this if we focus on maximizing four important areas of Lions:

01 Moving membership forward

Each member matters. Inviting new members, and keeping current members engaged, is the best way to build the strongest service possible. In many regions, we also need to focus on inviting women to join us to reach our full potential.

02 Increasing leadership development

Every Lion is a leader. By providing members with leadership skills, and increasing leadership opportunities for women, we can help all Lions reach their potential.

03 Promoting the fellowship of Lions

Friendship is a key component of Lions. The relationships we develop are lifelong and create the ties that make our service so strong. Let's make sure this shines through in every member's club experience.

04 Sharing our stories

Storytelling is powerful. When we share our life-changing service stories, our communities will understand who we are and what we do. Social media and marketing can help us get our message out and invite others to join us in making a difference.

We can reach a new world of service that lies beyond the horizon.



CHANNEL THE CURRENT



Harnessing the Power of 1.4 Million Lions

Pursuing a new course is never easy. Achieving the service that lives beyond the horizon will require Lions to reach within their clubs, communities and selves. This means developing new resources, renewed motivation and a clearly defined strategy.

Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation have developed programs and tools to help along the way. This includes a global support structure, grants to increase your impact, and new global service causes that are uniting Lions around urgent humanitarian needs.

By utilizing programs and initiatives aimed at increasing clubs' and individuals' ability to serve, we will all be able to deliver greater good to people everywhere.





AT THE HELM OF DISCOVERY

The Programs that Will Carry Us
to Greater Service



Our Global Causes

Lions are supporting new global causes to define our second century of service and meet emerging needs. Lions are serving vision, hunger, the environment, childhood cancer and our new global service focus, diabetes. Our goal is to serve 200 million people per year by 2021.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

This year marks LCIF's 50th anniversary. In the last 50 years, LCIF has awarded more than US\$1 billion in grants, lending a helping hand to millions of people around the world. As the needs of this world continue to change, LCIF continues to change, as well. At the beginning of this Lions' year, LCIF has launched a three-year US\$300 million capital campaign in order to support the new initiatives on the horizon. As Lions continue to create positive change in communities around the world, LCIF will be there in support. When Lions and LCIF work together, service activities reach more people and make a bigger impact.

The Global Action Team

This team brings together the power of the Global Leadership Team (GLT), the Global Membership Team (GMT) and the Global Service Team (GST). By combining the resources and expertise of these three important segments, the Global Action Team aims to increase global membership to 1.7 million by 2021. With increased membership, Lions will be able to do more good for more people around the world than ever before.

Balanced Membership

For Lions to truly be the global leader in service, we need a balanced membership of caring men and women. We will work closely with the Global Action Team to develop new strategies, programs and partnerships that can help us increase the number of women members and leaders.

The Horizon Is Ours

SETTING SAIL

It Takes Lofty Ambitions
to Achieve Lofty Goals

As the largest service organization in the world, we are a force for good. And today, it's up to Lions more than ever to lead the way and set an example that others can follow.

Lions have proven what a community focused on humanitarian service can achieve. We've been the agents of good for more than 100 years. Now, as we move further into our second century of service, we must take the opportunity to exceed all expectations—including our own—and prove that we can continue our upward trajectory of service into and beyond the foreseeable future.





CHART YOUR DESTINATION

Every club has a project it has only dreamed about. A project it hasn't completed because of the obstacles in the way. Now is the time to revive that project, or identify a new one, and move forward.

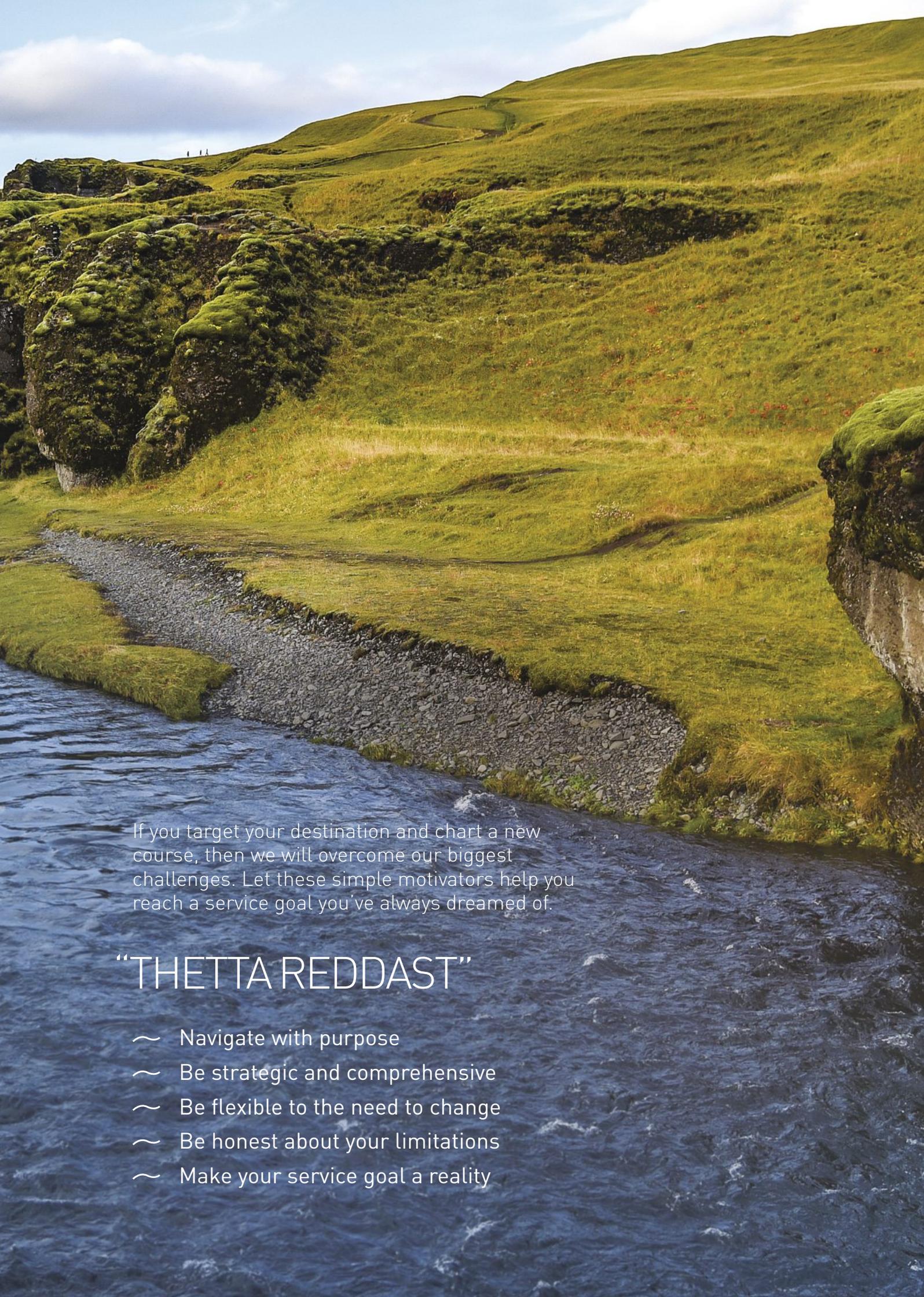
It's a simple formula with incredible results:

Adding **01** new service project per year within each club would mean

47 thousand new horizons discovered

11 million more people served

toward the LCI Forward goal of serving **200 million** by 2021



If you target your destination and chart a new course, then we will overcome our biggest challenges. Let these simple motivators help you reach a service goal you've always dreamed of.

“THETTA REDDAST”

- ～ Navigate with purpose
- ～ Be strategic and comprehensive
- ～ Be flexible to the need to change
- ～ Be honest about your limitations
- ～ Make your service goal a reality



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YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Peter Burnett, Council Chairman



Peter Burnett has been a Lion for over 30 years; he first joined Pocklington and District Lions, then moved to Hornsea and District Lions both in 105 C. In 1992, he transferred to Wimborne and Ferndown Lions in District 105 D.

Within Wimborne and Ferndown Lions he has held almost every office and has been either Zone or Region Chairperson six times. He served as District Governor in District 105 D during the 2017-2018 year.

His main emphasis while serving in senior positions has been to remind Lions that being a Lions member is our hobby and that we are supposed to enjoy our hobbies. If we make sure that Lions Clubs are fun and we continue to promote service, then new members will join. Finally he likes to remind Lions what his daughter said in Blackpool – to attract younger members we need to "cut the crap."

DISTRICT 105 A Doreen Allen



Doreen is a retired community carer and has been a Lion for 24 years, having had responsibility for youth activities for most of this time. She was proudly sponsored by her Club, Fairlop, and has been the Leo Advisor

since 2003. Over the years, Doreen was Club President twice, Secretary and Treasurer and has held numerous other Club offices. As a District Lion, she has held assorted District Posts and since 1998, has been awarded three International President's leadership awards and is a progressive MJF. In her spare time, she is a Samaritan, Scout Chair, school governor and an Education Appeals Chair.

DISTRICT 105 BN JOHN CROMPTON



John is a 54 old family man and has been married to Sandra for 31 years. They have two children; Michael and Hannah, Michael is the President of Bolton Lions Club.

An accountant by profession, John moved out of practise 11 years ago and now works for a company which handles bus scheduling software.

He has been a member of Bolton Lions Club for 23 years, serving as President twice and Treasurer for over 10 years, he has also held the positions of Membership Chairman, Charter Chairman and Secretary.

On a District level, John was Zone Chairman for three years and Centennial Officer for two years.

DISTRICT 105 BS Steve Talbot



Steve has been married to Ruth for 33 years and has lived in Ellesmere Port for the same amount of time. Their family includes five children, seven grandchildren and one great grandson. Not forgetting Charlie, the cat and Bess, the dog.

He first joined Lions in 1989 and was a member until 1993 when, due to work commitments, felt that he was unable to devote the time that he wanted to, to his Lions Club. Most of Steve's working career has been spent within the emergency services.

He returned to the family of Lions in 2010 though, with Ellesmere Port Lions, where he has held various positions including President and Publicity and Fundraising Chairman. He has also served as Zone Chairman for three years, Second Vice District Governor, First Vice District Governor and at present, District Governor for 2018-2019, a journey he says he is enjoying immensely.

Steve's main interests are socialising and driving, which obviously help him on the journey. But most of all, he enjoys being a Lion in this great service organisation.

DISTRICT 105 C Clive Barwell



Clive Barwell joined Morley and District Lions Club in October 2013, following 17 years as a member of Batley Rotary Club. He almost immediately joined Cabinet as Dementia

Officer. He was Club President in the 2014/15 Lionistic year and served a couple of consecutive terms, also serving as Zone Chair in 2015/16. In 2017/18 he became a member of the Global Action Team with the Service portfolio. He is still District Dementia Officer, and a Dementia Friends Champion.

DISTRICT 105 D Ken Staniforth



Ken is originally from Barnstaple, where his two daughters and two grandchildren still live. He moved to Salisbury in 1999 and ran a couple of licensed premises before starting the health and safety business that he still runs today.

Ken spent 45 years as a semi-professional vocalist/rhythm guitarist and has been promoted as: 'The North Devon Savage' and 'The Old Git in the Corner'.

He joined Salisbury Lions Club in February 2010 and was presented with the International President's Medal at MD Convention in 2013.

DISTRICT 105 E Steve Scall



Steve Scall joined Edwinstowe and The Dukeries Lions Club in 1994, and served as President for four years. During his first year as President, the Club invited its first lady

member. Steve was honoured to be first member of the Club to receive the MJF award.

DISTRICT 105 EA Mandy Hawksley



Mandy originates from Banbury, but moved several times first to Cornwall and then Devon, where she met her partner, Lion Paul Martin. She spent time in Wiltshire as a private groom for a farming

family, before she and Paul moved to Suffolk. For the past 27 years she been a home carer, meeting some fascinating people. As their daughter, Toni-Marie, is a dance teacher Mandy has become a licensed chaperone, enabling her to help at many dance shows and pantomimes. Their granddaughter is following in her mother's footsteps and performs at many of these events.

Mandy joined her local Lions Club in 2000, where she and a friend were the first ladies in the Club. She went on to be President, then Zone and Region Chairs. She has started several District-wide appeals, which have been overwhelmingly supported, including

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Blood Bikes and sewing machines and little dresses for Africa. Lions is now a family affair as Toni-Marie joined Bungay Area Lions and her granddaughter, Felicity, is a Lion Cub. With PDG Paul by her side and with their family's backing, Mandy is looking forward to being the District Governor of 105 EA.

DISTRICT 105 M Stewart Sherman-Kash



Born in Leicester in 1972, Stewart's formative years were spent in Worcestershire. After leaving Bromsgrove School he started training as a chartered surveyor at the College of Estate Management at Reading University, while working at the Birmingham Valuation Office. He was elected a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in November 1996.

Stewart is married to his husband, Kash, who is fully supportive of him in his role. From 2003 until 2008 Stewart was involved (and eventually ran) Radio Lollipop at the Birmingham Children's Hospital, with a fundraising and broadcasting brief. In June 1999, he established Chamberlains Chartered Surveyors, a small, but perfectly formed, surveying practice in Harborne.

He joined Birmingham Chinatown Lions Club in 2012, became Secretary in 2013 and President in 2014. He has also served as Zone and Region Chair and of course, as Second and First Vice Governor.

Stewart says he is proud and honoured to serve District 105 M as District Governor this year.

DISTRICT 105 NE David (Dave) Wilson



Dave has been a Lion for over 40 years, joining the Filey Lions Club when he was in his mid-20s before he was married. He was honoured to be invited to be President for the Club's Silver Jubilee and then again for the Club's Golden Jubilee. At District level, Dave has served as Zone Chairman, Regional Chairman and District Convention Committee Chairman. He was sponsored into Lions by PCC Ken Henderson, who, when he was Chairman of Council, persuaded a certain District Governor member of his team to take on the role of Chairman of Council after him, that DG was a certain Bert Mason and Dave says, "as they say the rest is history."

DISTRICT 105 SE Pete Dilloway



A member of Brighton Lions since 1995, Pete has played an active role in activities, at Club, District and now MD level. He is supported by his wife, Lisa, also an active member, having been the first female President of Brighton Lions Club. Having served as Club President twice, Zone Chairman four times and Region Chairman twice, Pete demonstrates his belief in the importance of engaging with Clubs and members and makes time to get to know them, providing support wherever possible.

In recognition of his active and positive service, he was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship. In 2015, Pete was fortunate to obtain early retirement from his 35 year career as a civil servant in the Department for Business, which enabled him to give more time to Lions.

When not involved with Lions activities, Pete is a stage manager for local amateur theatre groups and volunteers as an admin assistant at Blind Veterans UK.

DISTRICT 105 SW Peter Rowe



After 25 years with the Royal Navy, Peter joined the Lions Club of Launceston in 1988, fulfilling a promise I made whilst still serving. He was a funeral director until he retired in 2014.

He has served as President on three occasions and has been the long-term Treasurer.

At District level, Peter also served as Zone Chairman in two different Zones, Physical and Learning Disabilities Officer and MMR Co-ordinator, the LION Liaison Officer and District Almoner.

He is a Certified Guiding Lion and has completed the Advanced Lions Leadership Course.

Pete has attended most District Conventions, Multiple District Conventions and Europa Forums as well as nine International Conventions. He was part of the Lions District convoy, which took aid to Albania for the refugees who had fled from Kosovo, during that conflict, and was involved with the convoy of three 7.5 ton trucks from Launceston, taking aid to Kosovo. His next aid trip was to Belarus with books and equipment from the District.

Because of his ceremonial military background, Peter has overseen the Flag

Ceremonies at several District and Multiple District Conventions as well as at two Europa Forums.

Outside of Lions, his interests lie with the Royal British Legion, and he is the President of the Launceston Branch as well as a case worker, dealing with welfare cases and he was instrumental in the formation of the Launceston Branch of the Royal Naval Association.

He also helps the local foodbank with the delivery and collection of furniture items. And on Saturday nights he operates the CCTV cameras at Launceston Police Station.

Peter has been married to Lion Christine for 49 years and they still share the same enthusiasm for Lions service.

DISTRICT 105 W Sally Marsh



Sally first became involved with Caterham, Oxted and Godstone Lions, 105 SE, in 1981 when her husband, Colin, joined the Club, she became a member in 1998. They have moved around since then, first

to Haywards Heath and now Radstock and Midsomer Norton in 105 W. Over the past 20 years, Sally has been President three times and Club Membership Chairperson and Youth Officer on several occasions in all of the Clubs. She has been Zone Chairperson twice, District Officer for YLIS and YA and Multiple District Officer for YLIS. Until she retired, Sally was a teacher, which probably explains why she loves involving young people in Lions Youth Projects.



Town honours Lion Charles

Lion Charles Kitchen of Buxton & District Lions Club has been honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award at an awards ceremony in his home town of Buxton.

This was the first year of the initiative, The Pride of Buxton Awards, which was set in motion by the local volunteer centre, Derby University and the Buxton Advertiser. The awards are designed to "celebrate the achievements of

truly remarkable people who make our community a better place".

Apart from serving as a Lion for 37 years and as Club President three times, Charles (aged 80) has led the Fairfield Brass Band for 40 years, is a governor of two schools and sits on the Buxton Wells Dressing Committee and the Friends of Cavendish Hospital.

Launceston's litter pick

To mark World Earth Day in April, four members of the Launceston Lions Club did a plastic pick along the Link Road in Launceston.

Four bagsful of rubbish were collected, most of which was plastic drinks bottles. Cans, paper and other litter items were also collected.

Editor's note: It's amazing what people throw out their car windows and during my village litter pick recently, we found a 34DD bra in a hedge bottom. Let us know what you found on your litter pick! Email: lion.editor@lionsclubs.co



PICTURED: (L-R) Lions John Ellison, Christine Rowe, Peter Rowe and Graham Chester

Donation to WaterAid

Great Yarmouth Lions and Norfolk Broads Lions have donated £1,050 to Water Aid, to pay for a toilet block at a school in one of the most deprived areas of Central Africa.

WaterAid, works to provide water, toilets and hygiene to the millions of people still living without them.



PICTURED: (L-R) Rod Holland-Merton, President of Great Yarmouth Lions, Jeff Mouton of Water Aid and Stephen Pysor, President of Norfolk Broads Lions

Swad' Lions welcome Sarah



PICTURED: President Alan and Lion Sarah with her certificate of membership

Swadlincote and District Lions Club have welcomed their first lady member in the Club's 40 year history!

At a special meeting, President Alan Dennis inducted Sarah Harrison into the Club. She has been fundraising for different causes in the past few years on her own and has made many friends and contacts during this time, recently raising funds to purchase defibrillators for the local district which are now in use.

£1 million raised!

Since Keswick Lions was formed 30 years ago, they have raised more than £1 million for local charities.

One of their newest members, Andrea Paisley, was born in the year the Club started, her sponsor, Alan Little said: "Andrea and others like her, are the future of our amazing Club."



PICTURED: Andrea Paisley of Keswick Lions

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Recycling –the best year ever for Clacton on Sea Lions

In the picture, Welfare and Recycling Officer Lion Andrew Johnston is surrounded by items collected recently by members of the Lions Club of Clacton on Sea. Over 17,000 pairs of spectacles, hearing aids, printer cartridges, mobile phones, sunglasses and soft toys have all saved from the rubbish tip.

Opticians in the Tendring area are very supportive of the Lions recycling plan and in the last year have donated 34,000 pairs of spectacles, which are all checked, boxed up and sent to Chichester. When sorting these spectacles, a lot of non-prescription sunglasses are found, these are taken to the local fetes and fairs and make over £100 each year. Hearing aids are a relatively new item for Clacton Lions to collect – but they are now coming in fast and furious. Printer cartridges and mobile phones are sorted and passed on to the East Anglian Children’s Hospice, who have received £3,550 for these from their recycling contacts. Used soft toys come from various sources including charity shops and friendship groups.

After being CE checked and cleaned they are then used as prizes and bring in another £1,000 to Club funds.

How much recycling is thrown away each year? Not a lot if Clacton on Sea Lions can find a use for it!



PICTURED: Lion Andrew Johnston with items collected recently by Clacton on Sea Lions

Plymouth tea party for Marie Curie



PICTURED: The Marie Curie cake and goodies

Lion Jim Shipton and his family held a garden party at their home in May and raised more than £800 for the Marie Curie cancer nurses and other local Lion charities.

The party was attended by more than 60 people including Alan Drummond the Chairman of Marie Curie SW and his wife, Carol, an ex-Marie Curie nurse. Music was played by the Heles School Jazz Band, and delicious hot dishes were served at lunchtime followed by cakes, scones and cups (and cups) of tea. A special cake to commemorate Marie Curie Cancer Nurses charity was distributed to all party goers.

Lions and ducks take over Cheddar Gorge

Cheddar Vale Lions Club 27th annual charity duck race raised money for the Children’s Hospice Southwest. It brought in the crowds to the Gorge, boosting local businesses and providing a fun afternoon for families – everyone made the most of the beautiful location and the fabulous atmosphere.



PICTURED: Swim for it!



Membership dues credits

Starting on 30th June 2018, dues credits for membership drops will not be issued after the release of the semi-annual billings on 1st July and 1st January.

In the past, Lions Clubs International has given Clubs a grace period in January and July to adjust their Club rosters and receive a credit for unreported membership drops. This practice has been a courtesy extended to Clubs by Lions International despite rules governing the practice in Board Policy. The Board of Directors recently decided that enforcement of existing policy is necessary in order to be in compliance with Board Policy.

This means that Clubs must update their membership rosters by 30th June and 31st December respectively to ensure they receive an accurate billing statement that reflects their Club's membership.

If you have any questions, please contact Accounts Receivable and Club Account Services at: membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org

Remembering Matt Campbell

The sun shone on the athletes as they completed the Windermere Triathlon at Brathay Hall in May – in memory of Matt Campbell, after he tragically died at this year's London Marathon.

Hundreds of athletes and their families and friends turned out – and the Windermere & Ambleside Lions Clubs were there with their bouncy castle to entertain the children (and some of the adults!) raising money for the Brathay Trust.



PICTURED: Athletes and families at Brathay Hall



The littlest Lion?

Lions Alistair McKenna and Emma Westall paid a surprise visit to Newquay Lions Club recently to introduce their newest member of the family – baby Lilliana, who was born about 10 days before.

Huge congratulations and welcome baby Lilliana to the family of 105 SW.

PICTURED: Lion President, David Hall, with a sleeping Lilliana and her parents

Steve and Graham's bike ride

Steve Bateman and Graham Dore have been preparing for their west to east tandem bike ride across America, from the southern end of the Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco to Yorktown, Virginia – around 3,750 miles. They set aside 47 days for the ride, which would be an average of 80 miles a day.

Steve and Graham funded the trip themselves, and at the end of the adventure, half the money raised will go to Lancaster & Morecambe Lions Club and half to Southbourne and Boscombe Lions Club.



PICTURED: No, they don't swap places – Steve is visually impaired so Graham goes on the front



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The Carter Center shares success in river blindness elimination

By Jamie Konigsfeld

Onchocerciasis, also called river blindness, is an agonising disease that thrives near rapidly flowing rivers.

Caused by the bites of infected black flies, the parasite causes intense itching, rashes, skin discoloration and eye disease that can lead to permanent blindness. Elimination of the disease in Nigeria was once deemed impossible. Today, transmission of the disease has been interrupted in two Nigerian states, Plateau and Nasarawa, ushering in a brighter future for the world's most river blindness-endemic country.

The Carter Center, a partner of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) since 1994, has been working with the government of Nigeria to fight river blindness for more than 25 years. Because of these efforts, mass drug administration (MDA) of ivermectin (Mectizan® donated by Merck & Co., Inc., Kenilworth, N.J. USA) will be stopped within Plateau and Nasarawa, which is the largest MDA cessation in the history of the fight against river blindness. LCIF provided direct financial support to The Carter Center's work in Nigeria from 1994-2008.

"Stopping the mass drug administration programme in Plateau and Nasarawa states is a major achievement," said Dr. Frank Richards, Director of the Carter Center's River Blindness Elimination Program. "But we must be careful to monitor closely over the next few years to be assured that it does not come back. This will require continued effort and attention."

214 MILLION TREATMENTS IN 11 COUNTRIES

During its partnership, LCIF has supported The Carter Center with US\$59 million in funding, assisting river blindness and trachoma programmes throughout Africa and the Americas. Overall, the Lions partnership with The Carter Center has led to the distribution of more than 214 million Mectizan®

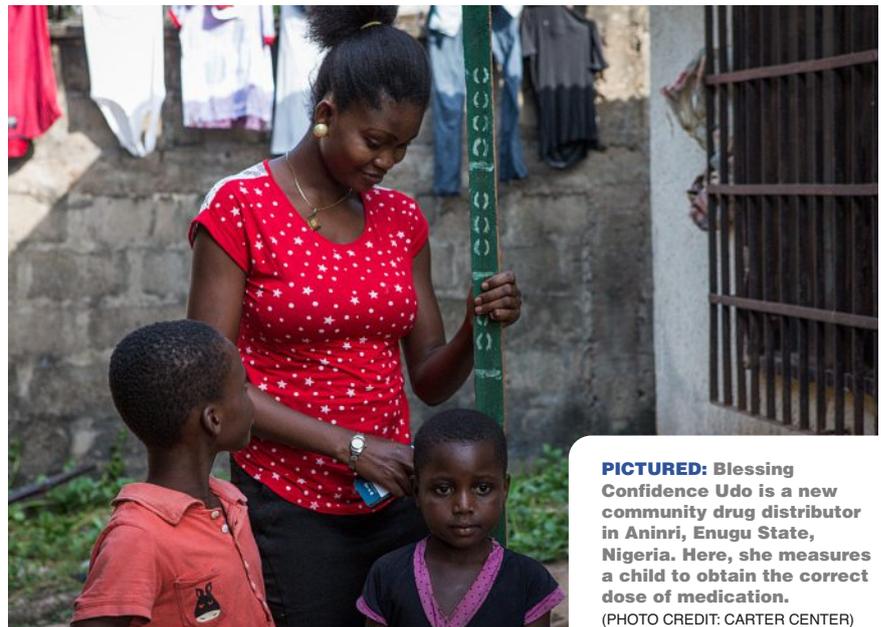
treatments in 11 countries. And as a result, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has verified that Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, and Guatemala are now free of river blindness. The final focus on remaining disease in the Americas is in a remote location along the border between Brazil and Venezuela. In Africa, MDA against river blindness has been stopped in parts of Sudan, Uganda, and Ethiopia.

In March, LCIF leadership visited The Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia, USA to renew and celebrate their partnership to support the elimination of river blindness transmission in Ethiopia, as well as the elimination of blinding trachoma, a preventable bacterial infection. Complimentary remarks were made by Lions leadership and The Carter Center, including words from Ambassador (ret.) Mary Ann Peters, CEO of The Carter Center, about the importance of this long-term partnership and all that has been accomplished. A new Memorandum of Agreement was signed by both

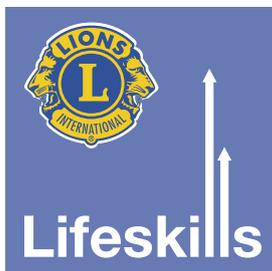
organisations, which included a pledge from LCIF to provide US\$16 million in financial support for the Carter Center's river blindness and trachoma programmes through 2020. These funds will help The Carter Center, Lions, and the national government of Ethiopia to press forward toward river blindness and blinding trachoma elimination. In addition, support will assist national programmes in Mali, and Niger to achieve their goals against trachoma.

HARD WORK CONTINUES

Nigeria's success shows us that elimination is an achievable goal for Africa. The hard work must continue, as the disease still infects people living in many other states in Nigeria and in many other parts of Africa. The pain, disfigurement and vision loss caused by river blindness is preventable and thanks to partnerships like the one between The Carter Center and LCIF, along with the generous donation by Merck & Co. Inc., river blindness may very well be on its way to global elimination.



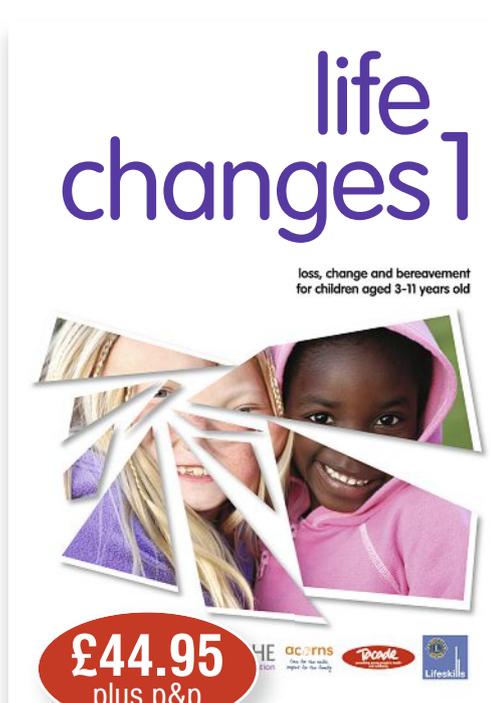
PICTURED: Blessing Confidence Udo is a new community drug distributor in Aninri, Enugu State, Nigeria. Here, she measures a child to obtain the correct dose of medication. (PHOTO CREDIT: CARTER CENTER)



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Life Changes

Loss, change and bereavement

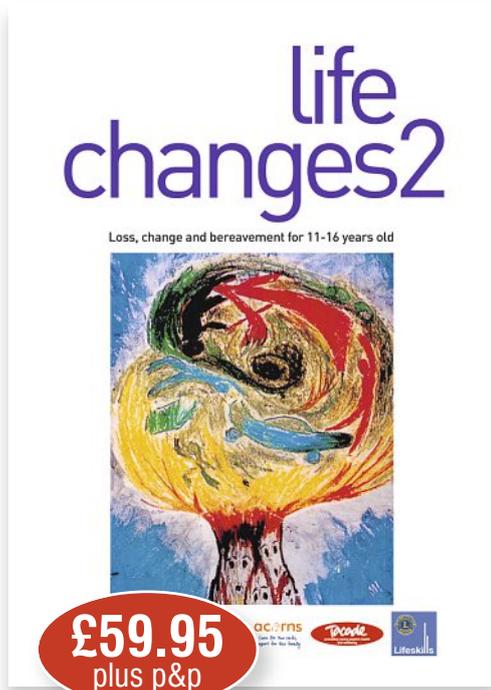


Everyone will experience aspects of loss and change throughout their life, but there are some loss and change experiences which do not happen to everyone. These may be called 'circumstantial losses' and include situations such as family breakdown, homelessness, the death of a relative or friend, imprisonment and serious illness or injury. Some adverse experiences can have both immediate and long-term consequences, particularly for children. Grief is a human response to loss, and mourning is the way in which grief is expressed.

Whatever the circumstances, the death of the person is not only a loss, it is a change and a turning point: the world will never be the same again.

Arguably the most damaging situations are those which are harmful to the child-family relationship, but there are numerous events in children's lives which may have potentially damaging physical, social and emotional consequences. School communities often have to support children who are facing loss. Teachers are naturally concerned to develop good practice.

There is a lack of material that addresses both a **proactive whole school approach** to loss and change in children's lives (teaching about life experience of loss and change) and a **reactive approach** that gives guidance on how best to help children when sad things happen.



Life Changes aims to:

- Provide adults with an insight into children's developmental understanding of death and how they grieve;
- Support schools in a proactive approach to including the subject of loss and change, in myriad forms, in the curriculum;
- Suggest reactive approaches and strategies for caring for bereaved children and those undergoing loss and change in a variety of circumstances;
- Provide a springboard for discussion, so that school communities can develop their own policy and practice matched to the individual needs of children and their families.

"Please pass on my thanks to fellow Lions for this quality resource and assure them that it will make a significant contribution to my work with schools on managing loss"

Carol Tompkins

Associate Adviser, Personal Development and Well Being Team,
West Sussex County Council



Insights into Inheritance Tax planning

Britain has some of the highest death duties of any country¹. 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.

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Harrogate defibrillator

Harrogate Lions Club recently supplied a defibrillator to the Knox Arms and on a Saturday in March, Harrogate Community First Responders held a defibrillator awareness and CPR training session. This is part of Harrogate Lions' Defibrillator Programme for the town.



PICTURED: Harrogate Lions Club members at the Knox Arms

Nailsea Lions help premature babies

Human milk is the best source of nutrition and helps babies' immune systems to develop and is especially important for premature and vulnerable babies. Sometimes, their mothers are unable to feed their babies themselves, so Nailsea Lions

have helped a charity which transports breast milk to premature baby units throughout the south-west.

The Freewheelers Volunteer Emergency Service, otherwise known as the Blood Bikes, normally transports blood and other medical supplies, out of hours, to hospitals. However, several times a week they also transport breast milk from the human-milk bank at Southmead to local neonatal intensive care units.

The milk, which is frozen, has to be kept below a certain temperature while it is being transported, and so has to travel in specially designed containers and Nailsea Lions have provided four of these containers to the volunteer service.

One of the bikers, Colin Stone, said the new boxes would make it quicker and easier for the riders to collect and transport the milk.



PICTURED: Giving babies the best start

Hemel Hempstead Lions help make a difference

Hemel Hempstead Lions were contacted by their local MP, Mike Penning, to see if they might be able to assist a local family buy a helmet to treat Plagiocephaly for young Tommy. The Club was delighted to help and donated the remaining £1,040 needed for the helmet. Tommy and his mum, Marie, popped into the Hemel Lions' bookshop to say thank you to Lion Barbara Daniels. It was wonderful to see the difference that the helmet had made in just a few weeks.

PICTURED: Tommy, mum and Lion Barbara >>



Lions stage murder to benefit hospital

Witney Lions Club and the Standlake Players staged a dinner murder mystery event at Witney Lakes Resort earlier in the year, and raised £1,100 for the Witney Community Hospital, so that their occupational therapy team could buy a body hoist and associated slings.

Having previously donated funds for the hospital to buy wheelchairs, the Lions are delighted to be able to continue support their local NHS in this way, and, who knows, they may be tempted to invite the Witney public to witness another murder before long!



Clubbing together

Lions Clubs from across Cornwall have raised £8,662 for the Chestnut Appeal to buy a fusion scanner for the Urology department at Royal Cornwall Hospital, to help in the early detection of prostate cancer.

District Treasurer for the South West Lions Clubs, Lesley Clarke, said: "The Clubs who raised the money are Truro, Newquay, Helston, Roche, Fowey, Torpoint, Looe, St Austell, Penzance, Hayle and Callington. The majority of our members are male and in that age bracket for possibly developing prostate cancer. Several members have been diagnosed and treated, but with this new equipment many will be able to be diagnosed early on and successfully treated."



PICTURED: Cornwall Lions present their cheque to the Royal Cornwall Hospital's urology department

The cheque was presented to uro-oncology clinical nurse specialist, Debbie Victor, at Royal Cornwall Hospital's Urology department, Debbie said "We are all incredibly grateful to the Lions for their kindness and generosity. Without them none of this would've been possible."

Early intervention saves lives

12 months ago Harold Taylor was blissfully unaware that he had prostate cancer. Being fit and well with no symptoms, Harold had no reason to believe he was at risk. However, his brother-in-law had recently been diagnosed with prostate cancer and persuaded him to attend a free screening session put on by Ironbridge Lions and Ironbridge Rotary.

Harold had his blood sample taken and the results showed a very high PSA level. But after a year of treatment, Harold conquered his cancer and now has his PSA level tested every three months to ensure he stays clear.

His brother-in-law died though, so Harold and his wife, Jackie have been backing Ironbridge Lions' second

screening event at every opportunity. Several local radio appearances have featured Harold and Jackie urging all men over 50 to have their PSA level checked regularly.

Of the 700 men who attended the screening session, 11 percent of them had an abnormal level of PSA. But early intervention saves lives.



PICTURED: Queue outside at this year's screening



Raising money for Blood Bikes

Fleetwood & Cleveleys Lions Club held their Swimathon on St. Patrick's Day and 18 teams took part to raise money for the Blood Bikes.



New children's sensory room thanks to the Norfolk Lions Clubs

For their Centennial project, Taverham & District Lions Club wanted to contribute to the sensory room at Buxton Ward at the Jenny Lind Children's section of the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital, but decided that the project would be too big for one Club to take on.

So they joined with 11 other Norfolk Lions Clubs; Attleborough 2013; City of Norwich; Great Yarmouth; Hethersett & District; Long Stratton; Norwich North Alpha; Sheringham and Cromer; West Norwich; Wroxham and Hoveton and Wymondham.

The Lions Clubs raised £8,750, enough to buy all the sensory equipment, which the hospital had identified as being essential in their work with children from birth up to 19 years of age, while they undergo treatment during their stay in the hospital.

Lucy Weavers, Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital Divisional Nursing Director for Women and Children's Division, said: "The environment that has been created gives children and young people, many with different sensory needs, the opportunity to relax and escape from some of the worries and anxieties which can come from a stay in hospital." Lucy added: "For so many Lions Clubs to join together to celebrate their special birthday year in this way is truly inspirational."



Louise Cook, NNUH Fundraising Manager, said: "We are so privileged to have the support from the Lions. This is not the first time a Lion's Club has supported our hospital, and I would like to say a massive thank you to all those who have enabled us to create such a fantastic space for our younger patients."

Scunthorpe "roartastic" lions

Hundreds of children across North Lincolnshire have benefited from a cuddly toy over the past 10 years thanks to local Lions Clubs.

Young patients at Scunthorpe hospital's emergency centre and Disney Ward

are given a 'bravery lion' to help bring a smile to their faces.

The toy lions have been donated over the past decade by Lions Clubs of Barton, Brigg, Glanford & Lindsey, Isle of Axholme, Scunthorpe and Winterton and the districts they represent.

Presidents of the local groups recently gathered at the hospital to mark the marvellous milestone. The six clubs each take it in turn to deliver the soft toys throughout the year and have handed over around 6,000 lions to the hospital since the scheme started.



PICTURED: The Health Tree community champion with Lions and Disney Ward staff and the 'bravery lions'



Haywards Heath Lions swimarathon



PICTURED: Haywards Heath Swimathon

Haywards Heath Lions Club held its 35th Swimathon at the Dolphin Leisure Centre at Easter, where 66 teams of swimmers took part in this much loved annual event. This year, the Lions supported Time 4 Children, a local charity that provides emotional listening support for local children.

Founder of Time 4 Children, Vicky Chalmers, writes "the charity provides volunteers who are trained to listen to children's thoughts and feelings and by doing so, enables them to develop self-esteem, self-worth and self-confidence and helps to increase their emotional resilience. Time 4 Children is passionate in their belief that by reaching children early enough they can help prevent young children from developing mental health problems later on."

Lion President, Denys Hutson, said: "This event has been supported often by the same organisations and families, for 35 years. Without their continued support the event would not be as successful as it is."

Wanted – your old and broken spectacles

As part of Specktrek, Woodley & Earley Lions Club members have collected over 7,000 redundant spectacles from local collection points over the past year.

At workshops in Chichester, the glasses are sorted and graded for onward transmission to Medico France who clean and repair them for use in eye clinics in Africa, India and Eastern Europe.

The recycling of the precious metals in spectacles deemed to be unsuitable for repair, yield funds which enable Lions Clubs to give financial support to eye-related projects in the UK.

The value of these spectacles to those people with impaired sight in third world countries cannot be over emphasised – a chance to see again and become useful members of the society.



PICTURED: Lion Philip Barry and Club members loading the boxes of spectacles for transit to workshops in Chichester

Blood Bikes benefit again!

After Elaine and Paul Bivins explained to members of the Oadby and Wigston Lions Club how their highly trained Blood Bikers provide a free 'out-of-hours' delivery service to the NHS in Leicestershire and Rutland, the Lions offered to go 'shaking' buckets at the local supermarkets to raise funds for them. This valuable service operates 365 days of the year and the volunteer riders have to pay for their equipment, fuel and the upkeep of their bikes.



PICTURED: Jenny Fye, Lions Club Vice President, Richard Darlaston, Lions Club President with Leicestershire & Rutland Blood Bikers, Paul and Elaine Bivins



Placing public access defibrillators in Portishead and District

Portishead Lions have been making great strides in their efforts to ensure that there is public access to defibrillators throughout their district.

Recognising that it is important that members of the public have confidence in using the defibrillators and administering CPR, they held a training and information session as part of its 'Lions 4 Life' open day in April. The local First Responder team carried out demonstrations of CPR and the use of defibrillators. At the same time, there was free diabetes testing organised by Gordano Breakfast Rotary Club and information about the Lions' Message in a Bottle scheme.



PICTURED: Portishead Lions with some of their defibrillators

Diabetes awareness and prevention

Keswick Lion's first diabetes awareness and prevention week was a huge success, with over 300 local people trying out new sports and activities. LCI has asked Clubs worldwide to address the rise of Type 2 diabetes and help their communities to lead healthy lifestyles. To encourage people to try new activities, free beginners' sessions were provided by local clubs and instructors during the week long 'TRYathlon', ranging from bowls to Nordic walking.

The week's events came to a delicious close with a healthy food demonstration and tasting evening held at the Bowls Clubhouse by Chef Dan Grimshaw.

Keswick Lions Vice President, Diane Cannon, said: "We would like to thank all of the session leaders for their enthusiasm for this event. A great deal of work was needed to bring the event together, but it has been worth it to see so many people trying new sports and activities and hopefully, feeling able to start leading a healthier lifestyle."

PICTURED: Chef Dan Grimshaw cooking up healthy food



Bletchley Lions help with treatment travel costs

Nicole, from Soulbury, is traveling to London University College Hospital in London for radiotherapy every working day for six weeks, so the Lions Club of Bletchley has donated £300 to help with her travel costs. Neighbours have organised a roster for getting her to and from her local train station and for taking her children to school.

Defibrillators for the south east

As part of the Centenary celebrations, Guildford Lions Club and the Lions Clubs in the south east of England decided to buy and install over 100 defibrillators across Kent, Sussex and Surrey.

Guildford Lions Club, working with Guildford Borough Council and Experience Guildford, have sponsored one defibrillator, which has been installed in the Wetherspoon pub in Guildford, the 104th machine supported by the Lions in the area.

The defibrillator is accessible to the general public and Town rangers and first-responders are also aware of its location.

Lions Sightsavers

Lions Clubs across the UK and Ireland have been supporting the funding of sight-saving surgeries in developing countries through the Lions Sight Savers Trust. Lions David Firth and Patrick Hamblin, Trustees of the Lions Sight Savers Trust report.

Since late 2014, your donations have gone towards Sightsavers' 'Million Miracles' appeal, with the target of raising £30 million by 2018 to fund an incredible one million sight restoring miracles.

Lions from across the UK and Ireland have given generously over the life of this ambitious appeal, not least as it entered its home straight between October and December last year, when we had the additional benefit of every £1 donated being matched by the UK Government.

We are delighted to now announce that, with your support, Sightsavers has reached the appeal's target of funding for one million sight-restoring miracles. During those last three months of the appeal, Lions Clubs donated an amazing £82,300 – an amount which was then matched by the UK Government. This means that your donations during that time were worth an incredible £164,600 – enough to fund 5,846 sight-restoring surgeries.

HOW YOU HAVE HELPED

Over the entire Million Miracles appeal, your generosity has made an even greater impact. An incredible £303,800 was donated through the Lions Sight Savers Trust since the appeal launched in October 2014. The match-funding brings the total to a massive £543,600 – enough to fund 18,120 sight-restoring surgeries.

Thank you for this incredible support – the difference this makes in the lives of thousands of children and adults living with treatable blindness is immeasurable. Below is just one story, of an 11 year-old boy from Bangladesh, who regained his sight in 2017 because of the support given to the appeal.

RASHED'S STORY

Rashed's mother had known there was something wrong with his eyes when he was just five years old. The family was eating by lamplight in the field when she noticed the light glinting off white flecks around his pupil.

She regrets that because she couldn't afford the costs of medical treatment, and didn't think it was important, his sight got progressively worse until he eventually had one large, shining cataract obscuring his left pupil, with a more subtle ring of white flecks around his right.

Rashed is the main breadwinner for the family because his father died when he was just six, and as his mother could not afford to keep him at school, he had to drop out. Working at a biscuit factory, a long way from his home, he earns 13,000 taka [£129] a month, keeping just 200 taka [£2] for himself. The rest he sends home. Rashed is still a young boy but his childhood has been largely stolen from him.

He was never keen on school because the other children teased him and when he was asked about his dream for the future, he said: "I want to be able to take care of my family."

AT THE HOSPITAL

When we went with Rashed to the hospital for the first of his two eye operations, the surgeon gently prepared him for what he might realistically expect; that he will never have perfect sight because he has lived with cataracts for too long, he will need to wear glasses for the rest of his life, but it will still be a dramatic improvement.

His bandages were removed the day following his surgery, but Rashed kept his eyes firmly shut perhaps not daring to open them immediately to learn the result.

When he did, he began to look around, exploring his environment. When a visitor smiled at him from 10 to 12 feet away, he immediately smiled back. Before his operation there's no way he would have been able to see a person from that distance, let alone recognise a smile.

BACK HOME

By the time Rashed had spent a day exploring his home environment and experiencing his restored vision, he now wants his second operation. As he delighted in being able to colour inside the lines of a colouring book he had been given, he said: "How will I be able to see out of that side of my head otherwise?"

Seeing Rashed colouring in so joyfully is a reminder of how young he is. It suggests there's still a chance he'll return to school for the education he has so far entirely missed.



PICTURED: Rashed's operation



Weston super Mare visually impaired open bowls tournament

In its eighth year, the Visually Impaired Open Bowls Tournament, hosted by Weston super Mare Lions Club and Clarence Bowling Club, welcomed more than 50 visually impaired bowlers from all over the country at Clarence Bowling Association. The tournament is the biggest of its kind in the UK and is for bowlers registered as totally blind (B1) through to those with limited sight (B4), they are able to take part in a sport they enjoy with the help of more than 80 volunteers including over 50 members of Lion Clubs in District 105 SW.

Clarence Bowling Association again provided a wonderful venue for the tournament and made sure that everyone was well fed and watered.



PICTURED: Weston Lions Club President, Leslie Cumming and Town Mayor, Jostline Holder, with winners of this year's competition

Following the tournament, players commented: "It is so nice to be able to come back to the Weston-super-Mare tournament every year for a brilliant weekend."

Swimarathon supports 'Time 4 Children'



Haywards Heath Lions Club held its 35th swimarathon at Easter, where 66 teams of young (and not so young) swimmers took part to raise just over £15,000.

This year, the Lions supported Time 4 Children, a charity which provides emotional listening support for local children.

Lion President, Denys Hutson, thanked the many swimmers who regularly take part in the event saying: "This event has been supported often by the same organisations and families, for 35 years. One such team who swam this year consisted of grandparents, parents and grandchildren!"

If you would like to know more about the Lions swimarathon visit <http://www.hhlionsswim.co.uk>

PICTURED: Lion President Denys Hutson with the family who have swum for the Lions for 35 years

Swimarathon record breakers!



PICTURED: One tired team with post-swimarathon chocolate and their trophy

The Henley on Thames Lions Club Swimarathon 2018 raised a record £5,959 for charity this year.

To celebrate Lions Centennial, the teams that entered the event were presented with special trophies to mark the occasion, which again was held at the Henley Leisure Centre.

23 teams of children and adults swam under team names such as Dicey Dolphins, Trinity Sharks, Puffins and Pelicans. Trinity, St Mary's, Nettlebed, Valley Road and Gillotts schools along with teams from Mencap, 1st Henley

Brownies, Shiplake Scouts and Henley Sea Cadets swam their hearts out in a very noisy and encouraging competition.

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Lorraine Hillier, who opened the event said: "The money raised is split equally between the Henley Lions charities and the preferred charity of the groups taking part. The Lions do such fantastic work in the community and I am pleased to support them."

Organiser, Lion Liz Preston, said: "I'm delighted to say that the event raised a staggering £5,959.17 (over £1,000 more than last year)."



TrampoLIONS – the new way to keep fit?



PICTURED: Keep bouncing Leo!

We all know the benefits of keeping fit but Clacton Lions', Leo, took it to the extreme at Shorefields School summer fete in Clacton. While other members of Clacton Lions were manning fundraising stalls, Leo went to see the ladies from 'Bounce'. Just 10 minutes on the trampoline apparently is the equivalent of 30 minutes running, but with temperatures in the high 20s that afternoon and a heavyweight fur suit, Leo only managed about three minutes.

Clacton Lions were helped the Splash School PTA to raise £2,500 on the day for their sensory garden which will benefit all the pupils at this special school.

Gnosall and Newport golf day



Some 24 intrepid golfers met at Aqualate Golf Club in May to compete in the Gnosall and Newport annual golf day. The event raised around £750, which will help fund the Club's annual prostate cancer screening in October and other local good causes.

The day saw some outstanding (and some may say unbelievable) scores. The winner was Robert Carter, a newcomer to golf who in addition to receiving the winner's trophy, also received the Howlett Memorial Trophy for amassing an amazing 50 points.

Special school sports day

Every year, Zone G in District 105 M holds a special school sports day. All six Lions Clubs within the Zone join to run the games for the children from three Northamptonshire schools.

Each of these schools have youngsters that are sometimes severely physically disabled, some have mental disabilities which restricts their verbal skills and understanding, some children have cerebral palsy, but whatever their disability, all the children take part with enthusiasm and lots of laughter.

Not so many schools could take part this year, so Lions teams stepped up to the plate to take make up the numbers, (with the exception of Northampton 80 Lions, who had notes from their mums excusing them).

The children took part in bowling, curling, bag pull, long jump, (foam) javelin throwing, obstacle courses, parachute games and boccia and rounded the day off with running and wheelchair races.

All the children participated to their own potential and no-one was left out. The teaching and support staff were magnificent, and all say they look forward to this sports day every year.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Northampton, Mr Tony Ansell and Ms Jane Crofts awarded each child with a medal and each team took home a cup to present to their school in an assembly.



PICTURED: Lions athletes



One Shot-One Life

Last summer, Severn Dean Lions Club members took part in a 100 mile charity pedelec/cycle ride to celebrate the Centennial and raise awareness of the LCI 'One Shot-One Life' measles vaccination appeal.

Eight riders left Newnham early one Saturday morning at the start of the ride and were joined by other riders to complete small sections. Six riders completed the whole 100 miles, supported by Clubs from Ross on Wye, Monmouth, Newport and Usk, Chepstow and Forest of Dean who provided overnight accommodation, refreshments and donations towards the final sum raised of £1,500.

PICTURED: Severn Dean Lions raised £1,500 for the measles vaccination appeal



Official opening of LIBRA-funded unit at King's

Thanks to fundraising by Lions, King's patients, their families and the public, a new day treatment unit has been opened that benefits many patients.



« **PICTURED:** (L-R) Nick Boles, Dr Victoria Potter, Angela Smith-Morgan and Andrew Lodge

PICTURED: (L-R) Andrew Lodge with Nick Boles



Chairman of LIBRA, Andrew Lodge, recently celebrated the official opening of a new Ambulatory Transplant Unit at King's College Hospital. He was joined by MP Nick Boles, who was the very first patient to be treated in the unit, along with Dr Victoria Potter, who oversees it. LIBRA heard how the MP had received a bone marrow transplant for Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2017 and is now cancer free.

A £77,000 donation from LIBRA enabled the hospital to equip the unit, which is located on the Davidson Ward. The new facility treats a range of malignant haematological conditions including myeloma (bone marrow cancer), lymphoma (lymphatic cancer) and leukaemia (blood cancer). The unit is used to deliver bone marrow transplants and chemotherapy in an outpatient setting, enabling patients to remain in their homes or hotel close by rather than requiring a hospital admission.

GRATEFUL TO LIBRA

Dr Victoria Potter, Consultant Haematologist and Transplant Director at King's College Hospital, said: "Patients have told us they would rather avoid a hospital admission if possible, which is why we have developed this new unit. When it is deemed safe for a patient to receive care as an outpatient they come in for treatment, are closely monitored and then are able to go home later the same day. This will enhance the care we provide and will allow us to treat even more patients."

"We are very grateful to LIBRA for helping us equip the new unit, and we are delighted that Mr Boles has come back to King's to officially open it after his successful treatment here."

Andrew Lodge, LIBRA Chairman, added: "LIBRA trustees were delighted to cover the cost of specialist equipment for this

fantastic new unit, which is benefiting many patients. We would like to thank all our supporters for their fundraising efforts and the Lions Clubs International Foundation who provided a generous grant. Funding has been generated through Lions Clubs across the UK, King's patients and their families, along with the public.

"The official opening has been a very special occasion, marking a great achievement. It is wonderful to know that Mr Boles received lifesaving treatment here and there will no doubt be many more patients who follow in his footsteps."

King's is a leading national and international centre for the diagnosis and treatment of blood cancers. The hospital has the largest bone marrow transplant programme in the UK and performs more than 200 transplants a year.

If you would like to support LIBRA, we are currently raising funds for our Tree of Life Appeal with a target of £100,000.

To find out how you can get involved please visit: www.libralionscharity.org



PICTURED: The Lions Lifeskills team

Lions celebrate success with Healthy Schools London programme



Lions sponsor the Mayor of London's Healthy Schools London programme to support the wellbeing of pupils.

The excellent work of the capital's schools to support the wellbeing of their pupils was celebrated at City Hall in June. As part of the Mayor of London's Healthy Schools London (HSL) programme, representatives from 130 schools visited City Hall to receive awards for their work to promote healthy eating, physical activity, emotional health and wellbeing, personal, social and health education.

As sponsors of the initiative, Lions were invited to attend the ceremony. So Lion Terry Mason, SE PR Officer, Lion David Skinner, SE Lifeskills Officer and Teresa Nickson, MD Lifeskills Officer and Trustee of Lions Lifeskills Ltd, all went, along with headteachers and education and health leaders from award-winning schools. As well as award presentations, the ceremony included speeches from NHS doctor and TV presenter, Dr Ranj Singh, Andrew Pembroke from Teach SRE and a number of schools across the capital, which shared their best practice.

FANTASTIC INITIATIVE

Lions Lifeskills have supported the HSL programme for five years and have written a healthy eating CD for schools to use. The programme contains bronze, silver and gold awards and all schools entering the bronze level receive a resource paid for by Lions. If a school proceeds to the silver level, then a second resource is supplied which is chosen for them by their borough HSL Lead.

Lion David Skinner said: "Lions are delighted to support this fantastic initiative. The aim of the awards scheme is to support and recognise the importance of work in schools to promote pupil health. We are pleased to say that there are now 2,019 schools across the capital registered on the scheme, with 1,140 schools receiving a bronze award, 565 achieving silver and 202 reaching gold standard."

"We are most grateful to the Lions Clubs across Districts 105SE and 105A as their support for Healthy Schools London has been invaluable. As we go into the 6th year of the initiative we hope to raise even more funding to help ensure schools can continue to promote healthy living to their pupils."

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, said: "I'm determined that London's children have the opportunity to lead a happy and healthy life. Their wellbeing is vital to building a healthier future for London and we know that schools play such a key role in their development. These award-winning schools are doing a wonderful job of promoting the importance of good health and active lifestyles, and I encourage others to follow their example and join our HSL programme."

EMPOWERING CHILDREN

Evidence shows that pupils with better health and wellbeing are likely to achieve higher academic levels and that's why the Mayor's Healthy Schools programme, supported by Lions, encourages schools to promote healthy eating throughout the school day, increase opportunities for physical activity, promote emotional health and wellbeing, and empowering children to make decisions about their health.

Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare, Joanne McCartney, said: "We're working hard to build a healthier future for our capital and know the significant difference that good health and wellbeing can have on children's development. There is a lot of terrific work going on in our schools to support pupils and through our HSL programme we are helping put an even greater focus on the benefits of good mental health. Through this, we can help children develop positive relationships and resilience and make their own healthy decisions. I'm delighted that so many schools are embracing the benefits of this." Dr Ranj Singh added: "There's no doubt how important good health is to our children. A happy and healthy child has been shown to perform better academically and schools can play such a key role in their development. I'd like to congratulate all those involved for the great work they are doing to set a great example and improve the health of children."

If you would like to support Healthy Schools London, please contact Lion David Skinner on **01323 767656** or email: dajskinner@hotmail.com

To make a secure online donation visit: <http://lionsgiving.co.uk/national-appeals/healthy-schools-london>



CONVENTION REPORT



PICTURED: International Convention hall in Las Vegas

Conventions, conventions, conventions!

MD Communications Coordinator, Ian Gott, reports on the Convention season – travelling from Basingstoke to Las Vegas – and back again for our redistricting Conventions.

For the first time in living memory, the District 105 W convention was cancelled in March because of heavy snow and the closure of the M4. It was postponed until Wednesday 25th April and was a great success, partly due to lots of support from other Districts and Geoff Leeder as the guest speaker.

MD CONVENTION IN BASINGSTOKE

We had the opposite problem for the MD Convention in Basingstoke and had

too much sun! It streamed in through the clear roof, making the presentations difficult to see. (If you missed them they are all available to download on the MD website). However, delegates had the chance to meet the then International President, Naresh Aggarwal and it was great to catch up with old friends and meet new ones from around the MD.

The main convention day on the Saturday had some brilliant and interesting presentations run by Council Chairperson,

Balvinder Singh Sokhi, which was followed by the formal ball and entertainment in the evening. On the Sunday morning we gave our new District Governors a very noisy welcome. If you missed this one then do put the next MD Convention in your diary, it is 4th – 6th May 2019 in Swansea.

VIVA LAS VEGAS!

Now for the big one, the International Convention in Las Vegas, I could write a

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book on this! I took my 25-year-old granddaughter with me and wow, did she enjoy it, making friends with young Lions and Leos from all over the world. The day before convention, we took in an amazing trip to the Grand Canyon, including a helicopter ride down 4,000 feet to the Colorado River. If you think, the UK has had hot weather recently, the thermometer at the bottom of the canyon showed 53°C – my oven starts at 50!

Everything in Las Vegas is just so BIG. It took 35 minutes to walk from our room through the hotel to the conference centre and it was as busy as walking through Oxford Street shoppers at Christmas.

There is so much to see and do at an International Convention, best of all you can pick and choose the sessions you want to go to – some top class speakers at the plenary sessions this year included George W Bush, and of course, we saw the induction of Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir from Iceland, our new International President. In addition to the Convention itself, many MDs hold a reception (ours was on the Monday evening, featuring puddings), I was lucky enough to be invited to a



PICTURED: Immediate Past International President, Naresh Aggarwal, at Basingstoke

few others including Italy, Germany, Scandinavia and the Netherlands (which was held in a brewery – a very good place!)

RE-SHAPING NEW DISTRICTS

Normally this would be the end of the Convention season but this year, many

of us have extraordinary redistricting Conventions to start to change and re-shape our new Districts. Do get involved, make your voice heard to help make sure that Districts remember why they exist – to help our Clubs.



PICTURED: Voting at MD Convention in Basingstoke



Youth Achievement Award

At a recent meeting of the Camborne Redruth & District Lions Club the Lions presented their Youth achievement award jointly to Amber Gibson and Tabitha Taylor.

The girls, aged 15 16 respectively, are both passionate about charitable work in the community, particularly raising money to help homeless people.

Lion President, Paul Bray, said that that by presenting the Lion's Youth awards to them, it would encourage them to carry on their charitable works and make them aware that their efforts are appreciated.



PICTURED: (L-R) Lion President Paul Bray, Amber Gibson, Tabitha Taylor and Lion PRO Alan Hampton

Poole Lions Club receives award



PICTURED: Poole Lions receiving the Club's Poole Civic Achievement Award

Poole Lions Club was one of a small number of organisations, selected from 150 nominations, to receive a Poole Civic Achievement Award this year. Presenting it, the Worshipful Mayor of Poole, Councillor Lindsay Wilson, highlighted all that the Club has done in the Centennial Year of Lions International.

This was a great honour and also brought the Club to the notice of other organisations and to Poole town councillors. Indeed, one of the councillors at the presentation was so impressed that she promised to get a team from every department in the Town Hall to swim at the club's next Swimathon!

Brilliant Bracknell Forest Lions

Bracknell Forest Lions Club is celebrating the huge honour of receiving a Pride of Bracknell Award in April, in the Team of the Year category. As a Club that was set to close in 2010 due to low membership, they pride themselves in the teamwork and determination that's resulted in a Club not only able to run regular events, but support other local Clubs and fund-raise for a huge overseas project too.

PICTURED: Bracknell Forest Lions taking a well-earned breather >>



Community Champions

Two Lions have been recognised as Community Champions in a special ceremony at Warrington Town Hall. The certificates were awarded by local MP, Faisal Rasheed. Lion Tony Gandy, a member of Warrington Lions has been responsible for numerous local initiatives, which have benefited his community. Lion Sue Crank, from Birchwood Lions, has worked tirelessly for the homeless people of Warrington.

<< **PICTURED:** Community Champions, Sue Crank and Tony Gandy





Lion Ray gets his half-century!

In 1968, Ray Crow joined the recently formed Lions Club of Christchurch. Over the next 50 years, during which he served as Treasurer, Vice President and President, Ray has played an important part in developing the Club and helping to raise funds for local causes. He also received the Melvyn Jones Fellowship award for special service to Lions.

At a lunch held to celebrate his 50th anniversary as a Lion, District Governor, Peter Burnett presented Ray with a letter of thanks from the Chairman of the Council of Governors and a certificate, signed by the Lions Patron, HRH Duchess of Wessex, to commemorate his service.



PICTURED: Lion Ray receiving his Certificate from the District Governor

Beccles Lions' Ivan Holmes Community Award presentation

The third annual Beccles and District Lions Club, Ivan Holmes Community Award was presented to Sarah Jane Lavington recently by Mandy Holmes.

Sarah Jane has worked tirelessly within Beccles and the surrounding community over many years, raising funds for various projects. Sarah Jane has spent much of her working life caring for others especially dealing with children with autism, learning difficulties and physical disabilities.

In recognition of her sterling work, she received the 2018 Ivan Holmes Community Award and Certificate. In addition to this Beccles Lions also presented her with £250 to be donated to her nominated charity – Mercy Ships.

Lion President Chris Ramsden said "This annual award is in memory of the late Lion Ivan Holmes MJF, who was a member of the Beccles and District Lions Club for over 35 years.

"Through this award, Beccles Lions wanted to recognise those people who, like Sarah Jane tirelessly serve their community by helping to improve the lives of others."



PICTURED: (L-R) Waveney MP Lion Peter Aldous, Sarah Jane Lavington, Club President Lion Chris Ramsden and Mandy Holmes

North Notts Lions success in schools

Misterton Primary School Year 6 have jointly been awarded 'Young Citizen of the Year' for their work with North Notts Lions in producing the Lions 'Sight Film' for 2018. This film will be shown in all local schools.

As a direct result of this film and the hard work of Year 6 teacher, Mr Green, and the children, equipment worth several thousands of pounds has already been donated and distributed to those with poor vision in the local area.



PICTURED: Year 6 pupils from Misterton Primary school look at donated equipment

Suffolk Family Carers' Recognition Awards

Stowmarket and District Lions received the Young People's Carers Recognition Award from Suffolk Family Carers at their 30th anniversary celebrations and first ever Carer Recognition Awards recently.

Stowmarket Lions received their award for the programme of events they have provided to young and young adult carers over the past three years. Events that have included cycling in Thetford Forest, high wire climbing and canoeing, ten pin bowling, trampolining and pantomimes through to crabbing with fish and chips and blasting around Southwold Bay in a powerful rib.

Beating the odds to make sure other children also thrive

By Cassandra Rotolo

Lions spend their lives dedicated to the service of others. But sometimes, Lions themselves face seemingly insurmountable obstacles.



PICTURED: Lion Saipadma Murthy, centre, cares for her students as if they were her own children

At only six weeks old, too young to be vaccinated against it, Lion Saipadma Murthy contracted polio. The disease ravaged her tiny body, leaving Saipadma with considerable physical disabilities. Saipadma's father encouraged her to focus on her abilities and use them to improve the lives of other children. This became Saipadma's guiding mantra. She pursued her own education, despite constant pain and difficulty in walking and has dedicated her life to empowering children who might otherwise be caught in an unending cycle of poverty and illiteracy.

In rural India, many families are unable to prioritise the education of their children, especially girls. Children are encouraged to work to support their families. It can be dangerous for girls to travel alone to and from school and schools often lack basic sanitation and proper accommodations for persons with disabilities. Compounding this situation is the fact that many families in rural India are migrant labourers, moving from one place to another as the seasons change. This is a recipe for what Saipadma calls "social and cultural disability".

LCIF GRANT

In 2009, the Gajapatnagaram Lions Club of India, sponsored by the Burr Ridge-Hinsdale-Oak Brook Lions Club in the United States, was awarded a grant from LCIF. The US\$5,000 grant renovated a student dormitory in Andhra Pradesh, India, allowing 40 girls to attend classes, some for the very first time. This would be the first step in helping tribal children to overcome their social disabilities.

Thirty-seven boys were enrolled in the school when the expansion work began. By 2010, 10 girls were living in the new dormitory and attending classes. Having a dormitory near school allows the children to stay for months without interrupting their studies while their parents work. "We weren't sure we could care for them," says Saipadma, "because everything was so new to them." There were children now living in the dorms who were not toilet-trained. There were 12-year-old children who could only read at a second grade level. Aside from reading, writing and arithmetic, these students had to learn basic life skills, like personal health and hygiene.

STABILITY, SAFETY AND IMPROVED HEALTH

The second step in overcoming these social disabilities involved changing the parents' perspectives. Saipadma worked diligently, approaching families to discuss ways in which their children could pursue their education and still give back to their villages. It was not always easy to convince parents that school could provide stability, safety, improved health and a more secure future. But Saipadma persevered.

Currently, 48 girls and 25 boys are developing life and academic skills that will help them avoid migrant labour, gender stereotypes, child marriage and a host of other obstacles. Alongside teachers and co-ordinated by Saipadma, these children learn about community cleanliness and organisation, as well as job skills like wood crafting and sustainable agriculture. To date, 1,561 rural and tribal students can now read and write thanks to Saipadma and other Lions. Lions continue to support the students and the dormitory, providing financial assistance and tailoring donated clothing to fit the students. The dedication of Lions, together with the support of LCIF, is enabling incredible change in rural and tribal India. This is the power of your Foundation.

FIND OUT MORE

To watch a film about Saipadma, who has dedicated her life to educating children in remote villages in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, go to:

<https://youtu.be/OH5oWHvr6Zo>



Thank you Lions!

Thank you so much to all 177 Lions Clubs who took part in the Great Daffodil Appeal this March.

Your support over the past six years has helped fund more than **41,000 hours** of nursing care for people living with a terminal illness, and support for their families. With your help we're making every daffodil count.



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CENTENNIAL PROJECTS



Centennial Celebration Membership Awards

The Centennial Celebration Membership Awards provides all Lions and Lions Clubs the opportunity to earn special Limited Edition awards for inviting new members and helping to organise new clubs. To find out more, visit: <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/awards/centennial-membership-awards/index.php>

Newport Pagnell & Olney Lions taking root for the next 100 years

When Newport Pagnell & Olney Lions Club were challenged to leave a lasting legacy celebrating the Centennial, many ideas were suggested only to be discounted for one reason or another, until someone mentioned at one meeting that we really had to "motor on" if we

were to get back to the bar before closing time. At last, a real motivational phrase that got the creative juices flowing.

councils' permission and, of course, within a reasonable budget.

The two towns served by our Club are adjacent to J14 of the M1, the country's first motorway with Luton and Cranfield airports close by. Millions of cars pass our doors each year and we are seeing massive changes to the once rural landscape. Our own two towns are a major commuting base for Milton Keynes, London and Birmingham and contributing significantly to carbon emissions, which are so damaging to our planet so there was a consensus to do something to support the environment.

In Olney, where the majority of our members live, we targeted an area adjacent to the town allotments. This council-owned field runs along the River Great Ouse and is a popular walking route used by many ramblers, dog walkers and local townspeople. It seemed a perfect location in which to showcase Lions concerns for the environment. After negotiations the final location was determined and the green light given by the town council. It was then all go to get our trees in the ground before the winter set in.



PICTURED: Under the guidance of Lion Martin, one of the trees settles in

One of our members, Lion Martin Ward, a horticulturist, suggested planting a tree to help combat carbon omissions created by our transport heritage and being Lions, the idea simply took root and begun to grow and grow and grow.

So on a cold, wintry day some of our members arrived with semi-mature trees, stakes, tools, compost and enthusiasm to plant the next 100 years' heritage.



PICTURED: Hurry up, I'm bursting...

In the end, we decided to plant 20 English Oaks (10 in each of our two towns) assuming we could establish suitable sites, obtain local

Under the expert guidance of Lion Martin, we got under way to leave an oak avenue of 10 trees, our everlasting mark on the Olney skyline. A similar plan is now underway to plant trees in Newport Pagnell.

Keeping fit in Filey

Filey Lions' Centennial project was to fund a Fitness Zone on the seafront, which will enable residents and visitors the opportunity of gentle exercise at NO cost.

They received a £5,000 grant from the TESCO bags for life funding scheme, as well as funding from small local businesses and North Yorkshire County Council's locality budget. The remainder was paid from Club funds.

The equipment, which includes a chest press and pull down combi unit, parallel bars, sit up benches and pull up bars was finally installed and opened on 25th January, under a clear blue sky.



PICTURED: Filey Town Mayor, Richard Walker, and Filey Lions at the opening ceremony



Henley on Thames Swimmarathon

The 2018 Henley on Thames Lions Club Swimmarathon raised a record £5,959 for charity at the end of March.

To celebrate the Centenary, all the 23 teams that entered were given special trophies to mark the occasion.

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Lorraine Hillier, who started the event said: "I'm delighted to start the swim as it is a great event which raises money for local charities. The Lions do such fantastic work in the community and I was pleased to be able to support them."

Lion Liz Preston, who organised the event, said: "Thank you to all the teams who took part and to Henley Leisure Centre for providing the venue again free of charge, and to the manager for acting as one of the lifeguards."



PICTURED: Some of the Henley on Thames Swimmarathon swimmers

Lions support new Woodcraft Centre for Blind Veterans UK, Llandudno

On 18th April 2018 a Chester Lions Club major Centennial Legacy Project was celebrated at Blind Veterans UK, Llandudno.

The Woodland Workshop development was made operational with funds via Chester Lions 10 Gold Bond guaranteed places in the 2017 London Marathon where the runners raised more than £27,000.

This funded all the necessary equipment including specialist hand tools, treadle-operated lathe and wood shaving machines, electrical generator, electricity supply to the workshop, open-sided timber building adjacent to the workshop for use in the summer, an access path from the woods, a camp fire area and smart IT/digital equipment.

These combined projects will help to provide services to blind veterans to improve their quality of life, develop skills, build confidence and encourage users to live more independently.



PICTURED: The Woodland Workshop

PICTURED: Cutting the ribbon



Northfleet & Ebbsfleet Centennial project

Northfleet & Ebbsfleet Lions opened a newly fitted out training room for Alzheimers & Dementia Support Services (ADSS) in Northfleet recently.

This local independent charity has developed a wide range of services to provide practical and emotional support to people with dementia, their carers and relatives. The Carers Learning programme is central to ADSS and the courses provide carers with information and support to assist them in their caring role. A training room was set up and Northfleet & Ebbsfleet Lions Club provided £5,000 to buy the furniture and electronic equipment necessary.

It was a Centennial project but importantly, it was dedicated to one of their past members, the late Richard (Dick) Harris, with a brass plaque to mark the occasion.

PICTURED: Northfleet & Ebbsfleet Centennial project was dedicated to the late Richard (Dick) Harris



PICTURED: Happy Bramham School pupils

Wetherby Lions support scooter shelter

Wetherby Lions supported a local school in its fundraising campaign to buy a new scooter shelter.

Georgina, Chair of Friends of Bramham School (FOBS) says that as the school had grown significantly in recent years, they needed more room for bikes and scooters. She said: "I approached the Wetherby Lions Group as they're very supportive in the area and we received £1,000 from them."

Overall, FOBS raised £2,400 from grants and a further £1,200 from organised events supported by parents in order to fund the much-wanted addition to the school.



Worthing Lions give £9,000 to local charities

Following a very successful Summer Festival and a record-breaking Christmas collection, Worthing Lions President, John Hollington, gave two substantial donations to local causes.

A cheque for £5,000 was presented to Mr Ron Noakes, Chairman of The Friends of Worthing Hospitals. They suffered a major setback recently when their longstanding shop and coffee shop at the main entrance to the hospital, was taken over by a large coffee chain. Fortunately, they retained a smaller coffee shop in the north wing which is where the presentation took place.

The money will go to the Interventional Radiology Appeal which is raising

£350,000 for a piece of equipment which provides minimally invasive image-guided diagnosis and treatment.

Second, was the presentation to Mike Mara and his colleagues of Service by

Emergency Rider Volunteers (SERV). SERV is a charity which transports blood, breast milk and vital pieces of equipment to hospitals in the area. John was delighted to donate £4,000-worth of defibrillators and accessories to them.



PICTURED: Mike Mara, Chairman of SERV Sussex and Lion President, John Hollington, with a member of SERV

Witney Lions do it again!

Witney Lions held their second annual Dream Scheme award presentations in February, when representatives of the seven successful local groups and organisations met to receive their cheques.

Nearly £3,000 was distributed, with the money coming from the Lions Father Christmas float collections in the Witney area last Christmas. They wanted people to see that the money they donated to Lions was being used to help as many local people as possible by helping local voluntary groups and clubs that support others in the community.

Following the success of Lions Dream Scheme last year, these awards will again help more than 200 local people.



Ironbridge Lions help bring the Anstice back to life

The Anstice, standing in the centre of Madeley is hard to miss. The Anstice Workmen’s Club and Institute building is a memorial to John Anstice, a prominent mine owner and philanthropist. Over the years the Anstice has been used as a library, Lloyds Bank and a dentist, and has provided a place for education of workers.

But it fell into disrepair and as soon as the building closed its doors, local people started a ‘save the Anstice’ campaign. From that came the Anstice Community Trust (ACT), which gathered support from councils, the local MP and other agencies. In April 2015, Madeley Town Council bought the building for the community with a grant from the Borough Council’s Community Pride Fund.

As part of their support, Ironbridge Lions joined ACT to help bring the Anstice back to the heart of Madeley for the whole community, to be used for sport, art, learning, health, family and friendship.

Ironbridge & Severn Gorge Lions presented a cheque for £1,500 to ACT – the proceeds of a variety musical evening held recently in the Anstice. The Lions used the Anstice in March for their second free prostate cancer screening event.



PICTURED: President Charlie Miller presenting the cheque to Trustee Rita Mannering together with Karen Price (Treasurer of ACT)

Blaby Lions brave the elements for Marie Curie

Every year, Blaby Lions collect funds for the Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal at Blaby Shopping Centre. On a Friday and Saturday in April, Club members braved whatever the weather threw at them and it must have been the coldest collection on record. Over the two days they raised £432 (and 11 euro cents).

Earlier, in March, one of the many joint activities which Blaby Lions do in the community came to an ‘eye watering’ conclusion at the Asda Fosse Park Leicester store. Lion Club members, Joe and Rick, were presented with more than 1,200 pairs of spectacles to be recycled and used in developing countries.

“We have collected many thousands of glasses over the years and it’s a great way to help people who ordinarily would not have glasses,” said Lion President, Roger Smith.



PICTURED: Blaby Lions collecting for Marie Curie

Cleaning up Dorset’s beaches

Weymouth & Portland Lions Club members turned out in force for the Great Dorset Beach Clean. Lions Club President, Roger Hogbin, said: “We were pleased to be involved in this very worthwhile annual event to improve our environment, particularly as it coincided with a Lions nationwide campaign, ‘Pick Plastic’ where Clubs are encouraged to help clean up their local areas.”





Collecting for Marie Curie

Warwick Lions turned out in force at Tesco's in Warwick on Sunday 25th March and collected £226 on behalf of the Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal.

Lion President, Pauline Fanti, praised the generous response of the people of Warwick for their continued support of good causes.

PICTURED: Lions Peter and Penny Amis collecting for Marie Curie >>



Supporting local scout group

The First Hextable Scout Group in North West Kent lost all their equipment in a fire at the barn where it was stored. Following their appeal for help, Swanley and North Downs Lions contributed £250 to help them buy new equipment.

<< **PICTURED:** (Back row) Richard Abel, Group Scout Leader, Club President, Steve Gray, Lion Shirley Watts and Cubs and Beavers Akela, Francis Wallace

Sponsored knitting

Plymouth Lions held their annual sponsored knitting event in April, where 54 accomplished knitters competed for the trophies.

The knitters made squares to be made up into blankets and throws for distribution to local hospitals and homes. Trophies and prizes were awarded to the person knitting the most squares in a given time and an additional trophy went to the person attracting the most sponsorship.

The contest for the most squares completed was closely run. The winner was Wendy Thorpe, second place was Marcia Walters and Place Elaine Cook came third.

Around was £1,000 raised on the day for Diabetes UK and a local bereavement counselling service.

PICTURED: Winning knitter, >>
Wendy Thorpe



PICTURED: Petersfield Lions Club donate new technology to Petersfield Library

Petersfield Lions Club bring audio books to life

Petersfield Lions Club donated 10 boom boxes and USB audio players to Petersfield Library to help bring audio books to life for people with impaired vision.

They were presented in May to Nicola Hepple, Library Team Manager and Nicolette Morgan, Senior Home Library Coordinator. These small, battery powered units allow easy playing of audio books and talking papers via a pre-loaded USB stick and simple controls, so they can be used by anyone with impaired vision, or anyone who finds it difficult to hold or turn the pages of a book.



PICTURED: Tring Lions and their guests

Entertaining Tring

On a cold and wet April evening Tring Lions brought nearly 100 senior citizens together for an entertainments evening. There they listened to the Berkhamsted Ukulele Random Players who played music from the fifties and sixties and during the interval, guests enjoyed homemade cakes and sandwiches.

Harpenden Lions Club Life Skills programme

Harpenden Lions Club Life held an event recently to mark the 25th anniversary of its Life Skills Programme. For many years the driving force for the programme was Lion Neville Osmond, who died in 2016. His enthusiasm and drive have been maintained and the programme continues to provide support to local schools. The money comes in part from directed fundraising activities and is supplemented by grants from local and national charities and local businesses.

Since it was started the project has donated in excess of £250,000, and the programme currently benefits 10,000 children and young people in 27 schools in Harpenden and its neighbouring villages.

The recipient schools are encouraged to use the donations to support life skills education in ways that they perceive will best meet the needs of their children.

Kate Stockdale, Herts for Learning Children's Wellbeing Adviser, said: "While academic qualifications are very important they need to be supported by social and interpersonal skills for children to be able to truly fulfil their potential".

PICTURED: (L-R) Brian Edwards, Harpenden Lions lead for Life Skills; Lion Andrew Allen, Lion Doreen Allen, Rosemary Farmer (Harpenden Town Mayor), Kate Stockdale (Herts for Learning) and Harpenden Lions President, Mohan Cashyap



Romily and Marple Lions support Reuben's Retreat

Nicola Graham's charity is one of the causes supported by Romily and Marple Lions.

Nicola's son, Reuben, died of a brain tumour when he was only 23 months old. With great strength, Nicola set up a charity in his memory called 'Reuben's Retreat' to create a sanctuary that will be a home-from-home for families coping with the serious illness of a child, providing respite breaks and the chance to build happy memories.

Romily and Marple Lions have pledged to give whatever help they can, although it is only one of the worthwhile causes the Club supports, they feel it is perhaps, unique in the way it seeks to ease families and friends through the indescribable agonies of losing a child. The whole exercise is a perfect example of teamwork, friendship and communication. Carry on, Nicola. The Lions will be with you all the way!



PICTURED: Donating to Reuben's Retreat

Cheddar Vale Lions senior citizens' party

There were smiles and laughter all round at the Cheddar Vale Lions senior citizens' tea party on a Saturday in April.

Cheddar Vale Lions have been running this event for over 30 years and it is still a highlight in their calendar each year where the members enjoy themselves as much as the guests.



Newcastle Lions project

In August last year, pensioner, Geoff Cartwright, was walking home with his brother when he was killed by a young driver. Geoff had taught bricklaying in the local college and had a family of six. His wife had died a few years earlier.

Geoff's family were badly affected but wanted to do something to honour his memory, they decided to buy a defibrillator for £1,700. They started fundraising then contacted Newcastle Lions to help manage the appeal. Although the goal was to buy one defibrillator, fundraising went so well that they had enough money to buy four.

Classic cars and bikes

Clevedon Lions' third annual Classic car and bike event, held to support the work of the Childrens Hospice SW raised £7,500 for the Hospice and Lions Club charities, almost twice as much as in previous years.

The numbers of entrants, who have to own vehicles over 25 years old, have risen each year and over 180 cars and bikes booked in this year – a record number. After a country drive from Wyevale Garden Centre, Congresbury which took the drivers to Burrington Combe and then Cheddar, the afternoon was spent at the Salthouse Fields, Clevedon, which drew a huge crowd to see the magnificently restored and maintained vehicles.

Watch the event at:
lionsbrimar.org.uk



PICTURED: Clevedon's classic cars

Stowmarket boxing night raises more than £10,000

The 27th Lions Charity Boxing Dinner held in March raised well over £10,000 for local Lions charities.

A great night of boxing was organised by Dale Robertson of Eastgate Amateur Boxing Club, when two boxing skills contests were followed by nine bouts of excellent boxing. Stowmarket Lion President, Tony Wass, paid tribute to Lion Ernie Pearce who founded this key event for Stowmarket Lions.

...and relax

Lions of Mersea Island have donated a seat for the West Mersea Children's Park. As you can see in the picture, it is already being used and should be well used in years to come.



PICTURED: Lions seat at West Mersea Children's Park

Littleport litter pick

Littleport Lions did a litter pick as a thank you to the Almonry Ely, who allowed them to hold their Easter event in their wonderful gardens.

Lots of bags of rubbish were collected and pickers finished off with a pint in a local pub.

Sad but proud

It is with sadness that Northampton Eighty Lions Club has ended their longest continual service activity. For over 36 years, members of the Club have transported visually impaired people to and from the White Heather Club in Northampton each month. Over recent years, the numbers attending have dwindled due to ill health and old age until, on 12th December 2017, the last person decided she was no longer well enough to attend, thus ending this service activity. While it was a sad moment, Northampton Eighty Lions Club is proud of the thousands of hours given to this service activity by its members over such a long period of time.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



What makes Lions leave the organisation?

It is saddening to learn that another long-serving Lion has resigned from the Lions Club of Jersey. Carl, for 20 years a committed Lion, served as President and Director of the Club and his wise counsel was a very valuable asset. I will miss him. I am not privy to Carl's reasons for leaving although I imagine the pressures of his career might well have played their part.

That we have recently lost several long serving members is, to me, of greater concern than losing a new Lion within a matter of months.

We have, for some months, embraced the philosophy that we must change if we are to progress. This has become a mantra throughout Lions Clubs across the country. That we must change if we are to attract new Lions and keep the ones we've got has become a given, a commandment, but having written this myself so many times, I am beginning to wonder if this is actually so.

What is it we actually need to change? Is the ethos that Melvin Jones laid down, albeit a century ago, actually out of date? I don't think so. Is how we behave as Lions actually out-dated? I don't think so. Am I really a more committed Lion if I don't wear a tie at a dinner meeting? I don't think so. Am I still able to use whatever skills I have learned over my life-time for the benefit of others? I think so. Am I able to share my life fully with my family and my other interests and be a committed Lion? I think so because I knew what my commitment to being a Lion was and without that knowledge I wouldn't have joined.

Wouldn't it be something if our long-serving Lions were leaving not because we haven't changed but because we keep trying to without any real purpose?

Lion Peter Tabb

Editor's note: How does your Club retain its members and welcome new ones at the same time? Let me know at: lion.editor@lionsclubs.co

Chairman's comment

Reading the letter from Lion Peter Tabb is a reminder of the continuing problem of membership retention, it is one of the main objectives of our International President to address this. One of the ways in which we can attract new members is in the service we give to our local communities and no better examples of this can be found in your Lion magazine.

Please look at the articles in the magazine and the examples of projects around our Multiple District, and take advantage of the success that these have had in their communities. People only join an organisation because they are attracted by what they do, and want to be a part of it

Remember our motto, We Serve, and by doing this we will attract like-minded people to join us.

John Hall
Chairman, Lion magazine committee



Message in a bottle

My fellow Lions

Thank you for following my suggestion to take your MIAB to your vocal Caravan Club, or Caravan and Camping Club site(s). Now that you have made contact with the site wardens, perhaps you could make another visit to drop off some Lion magazines to attract new members?

One further suggestion on the MIAB, I have a green sticker from the bottle in my windscreen where the old tax disc went, with a further green cross sticker attached to my glove compartment, so if I or my wife are involved in a traffic accident, the emergency services will instantly recognise the green sign and discover the bottle with our details in and perhaps save a life.

Lion Barrie Cannon
(Thanet Lions Club)



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Bob Corlew reflects

Lions, my time as the Chairman of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has been an experience I'll never forget. In my travels, I've witnessed such strong character in Lions, something that does not surprise me, but is still incredible to see in action. Selflessness, perseverance, dedication, and compassion are the words that come to mind when thinking about the character of a Lion.

I want to extend my gratitude to all Lions. The life-changing service projects we perform would not be possible without you. I am consistently in awe of your outstanding dedication to service. The world is a better place because of your efforts, and it does not go unnoticed.

Speaking of making the world a better place, LCIF now has even more ways to empower the service of Lions. We're launching two new grant opportunities, Leo Grants and District and Club Community Impact Grants, which you can read more about on LCIF.org. We're also expanding our global causes to include diabetes, childhood cancer, the environment and hunger in addition to sight, youth, disaster relief and humanitarian service. All of this will be made possible by our most ambitious capital fundraising campaign yet. I encourage you to watch for more information soon on how you can be a part of this effort and empower the service of Lions.

As I reflect on the last year, I feel confident that Lions will continue to lead humanitarian causes with strength, compassion, and urgency. Remember, where there is a need, there is a Lion. Whether your own community needs a helping hand, or a community across the world is in need, Lions can work together to change someone's life for the better.

Sincerely,

Chancellor Bob Corlew
Chairman, Lions Clubs International
Foundation



Lion Derek Laycock

We would like to thank everyone for their kind comments and memories of our Dad, PDG Lion Derek Laycock. We have had so many lovely cards and memories from Lions across the country and indeed from as far away as Australia. We would also like to thank everyone who managed to attend Dad's funeral on that snowy day in March. We understand that many others would have liked to have been with us, but couldn't risk it due to the atrocious weather. We know that they were with us in spirit and would have been sharing their own memories of Dad on the day. We enjoyed talking to

Dad's Lion friends made over many years, we even heard some new stories about Lion Derek! Being an active member of Lions was a huge part of his life. Thank you also for the very generous gifts to prostate cancer in Dad's name. He would have been very touched. We feel that Dad would have certainly appreciated the send-off.

I'm sorry not to have sent a message before now but thought it best to settle Mum so that we could let you know how she is doing. Margaret now has live-in care at home, so she is very well looked after at all times. Whilst it has and will continue to take time, she is slowly becoming stronger and a little more used to life on her own. If any friends are driving past Aberfoyle with a few moments to spare, she would love to see you.

With our thanks and best wishes,

Hazel and the Laycock family



Thanks from Andy Pemberton

Fellow Lions

I would like to express my thanks to all of you for the incredible send-off you gave me at MD Convention. It is not possible to thank you all personally. The gift was well chosen, featuring Birmingham City FC and a steam train – both enduring passions. The era it represents was when my father introduced me to a life of eternal optimism, believing Birmingham City are going to win trophies!

As I said at Convention, it has been an honour to serve all of MD 105 for over seven years as Council Secretary. There have been significant changes over that period and there are more to come. However, set against my disappointments with Birmingham City, Lions are a force for good in world providing service where it is needed most; starting with our local communities. I am proud to be a Lion.

I have to thank the ladies in my life: MDHQ staff, Brigitte, Jan and Stephanie for their help in enabling me to carry out my duties. But especially Ann, for her unwavering support at all times and letting me devote so much of my time to the work.

It was unfortunate that Ann was unable to be with us in Basingstoke, but I am pleased to report that she continues to make steady progress in recovering from her operations. Both of us would like to thank all those who have sent her get well messages.

Yours in Lionism

Andy Pemberton

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



Miami, Florida, USA – April 6-9, 2018

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Directed the Panipat Greater Lions Club Lions Club to revoke the membership of Vinay Garg and directed the Kapurthala Lions Club to revoke the membership of Savtantar Sabharwal for conduct unbecoming a Lion. Declared that Vinay Garg and Savtantar Sabharwal shall not be recognized in the future as a Lion by Lions Clubs International or any club or district, and that they shall not be eligible for future membership in Lionism.
2. Directed the Ulkee Lions Club to revoke the membership of Mu-Deok Lee for conduct unbecoming a Lion. Declared that Mu-Deok Lee shall not be recognized in the future as a Lion by Lions Clubs International or any club or district, and that he shall not be eligible for future membership in Lionism.
3. Permitted former member Byeong-Yeol Ahn to join a Lions Club, upon invitation.
4. Revised Chapter VI of the Board Policy Manual to include the provisions related to the Ethical Standards and Conduct of our Lion Leaders that had previously been included as Exhibits in Chapter XV of the Board Policy Manual.
5. Revised the Standard Form District Constitution, Club By-Laws and Multiple District Constitution to remove the relevant Dispute Resolution Procedure from each document in order to create a new Dispute Resolution chapter to the Board Policy Manual.
6. Revised Chapter XV of the Board Policy Manual to remove Paragraph J. and Exhibits C, D, E and F so that those provisions can be moved to a new chapter and an already existing chapter of the Board Policy Manual that the provisions better align with.
7. Created a new Chapter XXV of the Board Policy Manual for the Dispute Resolution Procedures.
8. Revised Chapter XV, Paragraph D. of the Board Policy Manual to add a new Section 10 related to an interpretation of the Definition of "Sufficient Notice" following withdrawal of international officer endorsements.
9. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2018 International Convention to amend Article II, Section 5(b) of the International By-Laws to amend the board representation provision related to simultaneous service to be consistent with recent amendments to the International Constitution.
10. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2018 International Convention to amend Article IV, Section 1 of the International By-Laws to amend the standing committees of the International Board of Directors to include a Technology Committee.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

1. Selected Mexico City, Mexico as the host city for the 2025 Lions Clubs International Convention..

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Approved the Club Excellence Award requirements and the District Excellence Award requirements for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.
2. The clubs in MD 51 (Puerto Rico) that were impacted by two devastating hurricanes were given a waiver of the January 2018 dues and an extension to allow more clubs to be officially certified to vote during their multiple district 51 convention, which is scheduled to take place on May 25-27, 2018.
3. Approved the request from district 403 B2 to become single District 417 to take place at the adjournment of the 2018 International Convention.
4. Approved granting the countries of Ghana, Tanzania and Uganda provisional district status at the close of the 2018 International Convention.

5. Approved granting the Ukraine provisional district status as District 134 at the close of the 2018 International Convention.
6. Appointed Past Council Chairperson Myung Shin Kim to serve as the Coordinating Lion for the country of Myanmar.
7. Appointed the Lions submitted by provisional districts to serve as district governors for the provisional districts for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.
8. Appointed Lion Muhammed Ishaq Dar to serve as district governor for District 305 N2 (Pakistan) through the close of the 2018 International Convention.
9. Revised the policy regarding official badges to allow two titles be displayed.
10. Revised the Standard Form District By-Laws be revised to require that changes to zone and regions be approved by the district cabinet and in the best interest of the clubs, district and the association.

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved the FY 2017-2018 3rd Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.
2. Requested the necessary language be drafted for a By-Law amendment to be proposed to the delegates at the 2018 International Convention for the inclusion of a Technology Committee as a standing committee of the International Board of Directors.
3. Revised Chapter XXI of the Board Policy Manual be amended by changing the precedence of invites for speaking engagements for an authorized meeting.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Approved the curriculum plan and schedule for the 2019 District Governors-Elect Seminar.

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Approved one application for a PR grant for Multiple District E (Venezuela, Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao) in the amount of \$6,000.
2. Revised Chapter XIX, Official Protocol of the Board Policy Manual to reflect a modification to add Past LCIF Trustees and Past Board Appointees remove Constitutional Area Executive Staff and Immediate Past Council Chairpersons.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Approved updates to the Global Action Team structure.
2. Approved extension of the Join Together Program until June 2021, and that existing Lioness Clubs be eligible for the Program regardless of the number of members. Also approved that the charter fee be waived for Lioness Clubs under this Program.
3. Revised board policy to remove the LCIF trustee liaison position as well as a few other housekeeping changes.
4. Amended board policy to include Republic of the Union of Myanmar as the 214th new Lions country.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Selected members and alternates to serve on the Leo and Lion Advisory Panel for the 2018-2020 term.
2. Selected the Top Ten Youth Camp and Exchange Program Chairperson Awards for the 2016-2017 year.
3. Revised Chapter XIII of the Board Policy Manual to reflect current practices.
4. Updated Chapter III of the Board Policy Manual to add Leo Lion Board Liaisons.

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

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MOORE: Lion Brian Thomas (Bill)
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