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May we never be the same

As we attempt to adjust to the new normal, it's easy to look around and see how we have been forced to change by this global pandemic. We may focus on all that we must do differently now and all the ways that our worlds have got smaller.

We have greater strength, greater endurance and a greater capacity for love than we ever knew.

But when I look around and see the way that Lions have changed the way they serve, I feel a sense of pride. You've cancelled events, yes. But you've also created new ones. You haven't been able to hold meetings at your favorite spots, but you've gathered online, shared ideas, planned new ways to safely serve your communities so that no one has to feel alone.

And in this way, I'm struck not by how we've changed, but how we've *grown*.

We are learning we have greater strength, greater endurance and a greater capacity for love than we ever knew.

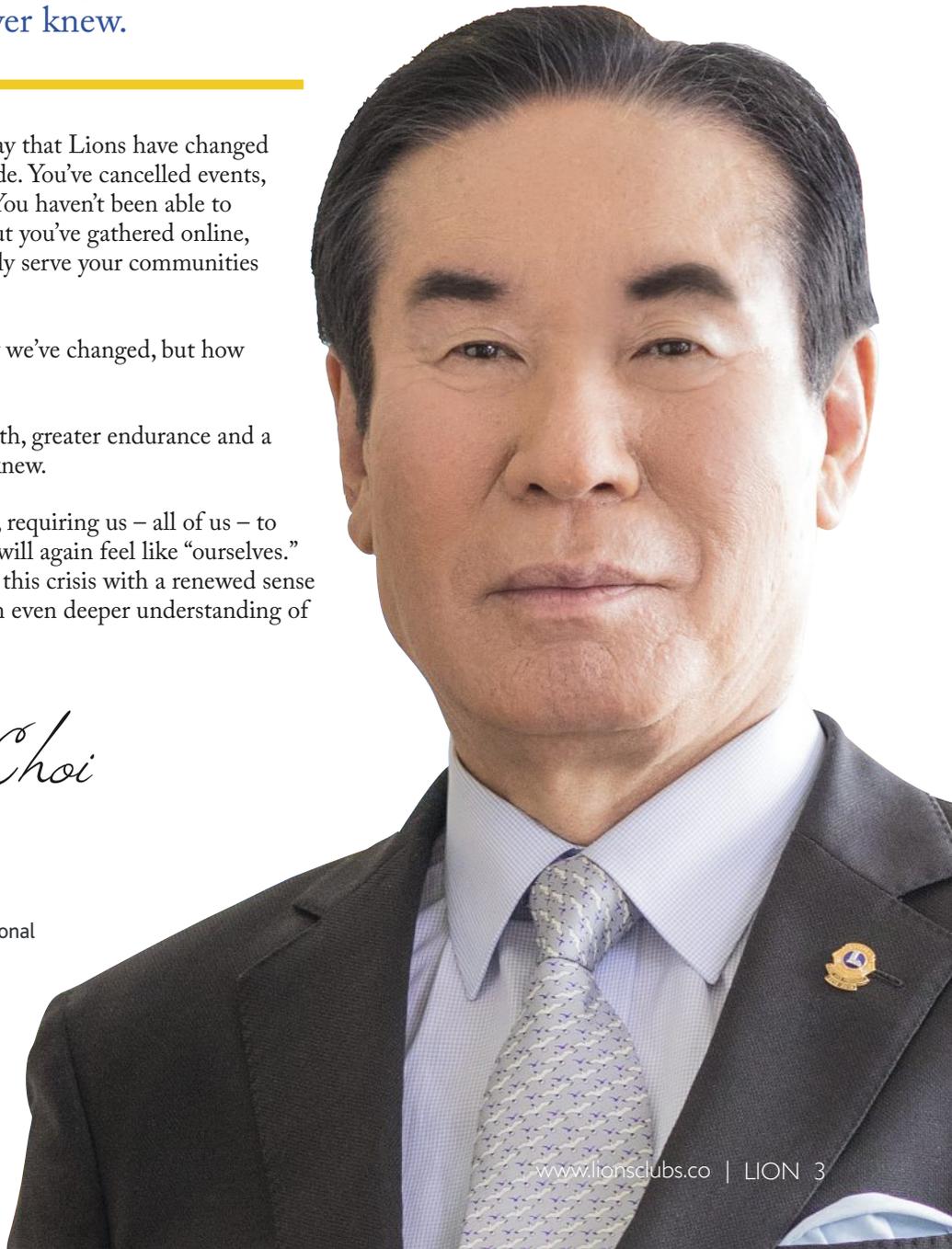
Recovery will be a series of small steps, requiring us – all of us – to adjust countless more times before we will again feel like “ourselves.” But I believe that we will emerge from this crisis with a renewed sense of who we are and what matters and an even deeper understanding of why we matter as Lions.

Sincerely,

Jung - Yul Choi

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

International President, Lions Clubs International





KINDNESS MATTERS

So much has changed in 2020. One thing we can rely on though is that Lions clubs around the world continue to help their local communities in many different ways.

There have been many challenges to overcome – and I'm not just thinking about learning to use WhatsApp, Zoom or Facebook Live to keep in touch with fellow Lions.

Lions clubs have cancelled or postponed popular events. Plans and projects have been put on hold. Fund-raising has been more difficult and new ideas to provide service to local communities have been needed. Yet traditional ways – such as phone calls to those unable to connect online – have proved to be invaluable.

Many of you have been in isolation for a long time. Some will have been poorly or struggling as a result of lockdown. And, of course, our thoughts are with all Lions, friends, families and local communities who have lost loved ones at this difficult time.

At times like this, the Lions' message – Kindness Matters – is a guiding truth. People are looking out for each other. They are keen to support local communities and volunteer to make a difference. We are reminded of the many caring people in this world.

These are historical times that offer a chance to stop and think. What new opportunities have appeared? What are the things that need to change? What do we value most?

You will notice that the LION magazine has changed. The focus of this new look issue is on youth projects, or rather, the inspiring young people these initiatives support.

We feature Young Ambassadors, Lions' global peace essay prize winner, Leos and young carers. There's a heart-warming story as well, from German Lions who made dreams come true for some superhero children.

You can see how Lions clubs have provided service to their local communities in recent months, read about the making of a fun Message in a Bottle viral video and hear from the Council of Governors for 2020/21.

Finally, we give a warm welcome to new members, take a moment to reflect with In Memoriam and end with a Lions' Tale.

With kind wishes,

Nicky Rogers
LION Editor

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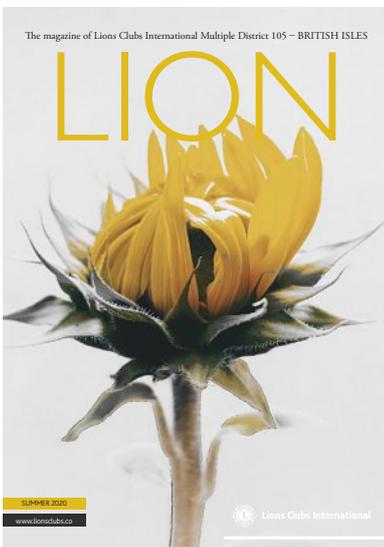
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Be the change you wish to see...

The Lions Young Ambassador programme recognises and encourages young people (aged 15-18) who are actively involved in helping others.

The four Young Ambassadors who share their stories in this feature are an inspiration. Through their passion for a particular cause, they are making an impressive difference.

The programme operates throughout Europe and enables individual Lions, Leo or Lioness clubs to identify and sponsor a Young Ambassador from within their local community.

Young people who share Lions Clubs' service ethos can be found around the British Isles. Entrants may be sought through schools, youth organisations, coverage in media/social media, or among those participating in Lions Young Leaders in Service initiative, for example.

With the support of their sponsoring club, the most inspiring candidates progress to represent eight districts at a national event. This is a fun – and busy – weekend where the finalists are invited to share their story, participate in social activities, and enjoy an awards presentation.

Each of the finalist receives a £500 bursary to be used for welfare work on their chosen project, or for training to help them in this work.

The overall winner becomes the Young Ambassador for Lions Clubs International of the British Isles. They are presented with a further £1,000, a trophy, the opportunity during the year to promote their project, and invited to take part in a European grand final.

Get involved with the 2020/21 Young Ambassador programme. See details on page 10.

"Because often knowing someone understands is enough."

ABI HUTCHINSON

Inclusion changes people

and is changing the world

for the better.

JEMIMA BROWNING

Never be ashamed of
BEING DIFFERENT:
it is this difference
that makes you
extraordinary
and unique.

SIENA CASTELLON

**Through experiences
in life, every young
person develops
passions and
interests to help
others.**

THEO BIDDLE

I have an interest in supporting the bereavement services at Shakespeare Hospice due to my own experience. When I was 14 my dad passed away very suddenly and I struggled with the idea of getting professional help. I felt that my feelings were too personal and embarrassing to voice and I knew that none of my friends at the time had any similar experiences, so it was hard for them to understand. My involvement with volunteering and charity work started when I was 16 and I began helping at the Shakespeare Hospice in Stratford. I loved being able to support such an important cause and the hospice allowed me to reach other charities such as Warwickshire young carers – which I otherwise wouldn't have had the opportunity to do.



Shakespeare Hospice realised there is a lack of engagement among teenagers when it comes to bereavement services. I had an idea to make bereavement services fun and exciting, without pressure to talk about personal feelings.

I'm setting up a new group to run fun activities, such as visiting theme parks, hosting movie nights and general meet ups, to bring those in a similar situation together. My hope is that these teens will form friendships and have a support system to fall back on, should they ever need one.

I want to allow these friendships to be as organic as possible without forcing any sort of conversation about bereavement, because often knowing that someone understands is enough.

The project will be fairly self-maintaining after initial set up. Teenagers can provide suggestions for the activities they would like to do next. They may even choose to meet up with the friends they have made outside of the project.

I'd like these teens to go into schools and promote the group. They can encourage new members but also raise awareness and understanding among teens who have been bereaved, but are not ready to come to a group. This will help those around them to be more understanding and supportive.

Abigail Hutchinson

Young Ambassador
Winner 2020

Sponsoring club:
Shakespeare Lions



I am a neurodiversity advocate who is passionate about changing stereotypes and misconceptions about autistic people and people with learning differences. I am autistic, dyslexic and dyspraxic and have ADHD.

Disappointed at discovering that online resources were focused on supporting parents of autistic children and children with learning differences, when I was 13 years old I created www.QLmentoring.com. This is a website to mentor and support students with learning disabilities and autistic students. My Twitter account [@QLMentoring](https://twitter.com/QLMentoring) has over 6,000 followers.

In 2018, I launched Neurodiversity Celebration Week (NC Week) to encourage schools to shift from only focusing on the challenges and difficulties of their students with special educational needs to also recognising their strengths and talents.

Following on, I created a website – www.Neurodiversity-Celebration-Week.com – which has free resources and information for teachers and schools that helps them to better understand and support their neurodiverse students.

In March 2020, over 750 schools and over half a million students took part in NC Week across the UK, Australia and USA. Organisations such as The Alan Turing Institute, the Natural History Museum, the University of Edinburgh and London's City Hall also participated.

Growing up, I was unable to find any books written specifically for autistic girls. So, I decided to change this by writing the type of book I wished I could have benefited from during my tricky teenage years.

In March 2020, *The Spectrum Girl's Survival Guide: How to Grow Up Awesome and Autistic* was launched and is now a bestseller. It's an uplifting book, full of practical advice and information that addresses the unique challenges that autistic teen girls face and empowers autistic girls to embrace who they are.

I ran a successful crowdsourcing campaign in April 2020 that raised enough funds for a copy of my book to be given to every girl's state secondary school in the UK.

When I was growing up I felt different to everyone else, I also felt very misunderstood. Frequently bullied and ostracised at school. Instead of addressing the behaviour of the bullies, I was to blame.

My teachers would tell me that I should try harder to fit in and that I only had myself to blame, because I was so odd and eccentric. As a consequence, the bullying often escalated and became so intolerable that I had to move schools several times. The constant cruelty at the hands of my classmates made me begin to think that I was unlikeable.

Being diagnosed with autism when I was 12 was a huge relief. Finally I had an explanation as to why I was so different to everyone else and could begin the journey towards accepting and embracing who I am.

My experience motivated me to make a difference so that future autistic students have a more positive school experience than mine.

Siena Castellon

Young Ambassador
Winner 2019

Sponsoring club:
Fairlop Lions

I have a long-held passion to ensure young people feel empowered, ready to make change for the future and have the opportunity to do anything they set their minds to. This makes me determined to do whatever I can to positively affect this.

My wish is to improve the lives of those with disabilities and additional needs by helping break down barriers in the mainstream world. I truly believe everyone with a disability should have every opportunity that people without disabilities are given.

I decided that if the world was not going to create opportunities for people like my brother, Will, it was down to me to make changes. So I set up Tadcaster Stingrays when I was 15 years old.

Tadcaster Stingrays is open to young people aged between 11 and 18 with learning and physical disabilities. The club is all about inclusion and promoting sport for all. It is an opportunity for young people to gain a sense of belonging and be proud members of a group. We pride ourselves on training together as a team.

I am so happy to have the squad up and running and feel enormously privileged to be their coach, experiencing first-hand the amazing steps the young people make and how much fun they have together.

The club has grown to 17 swimmers. The inclusive ideas behind Stingrays are shining through everything we do and give the young people something which previously has been limited by lack of opportunity.

I've gone on to work with Youth Sport Trust and Special Olympics. My brother and I sit on the European and British board and use our projects to make the world a more inclusive place.

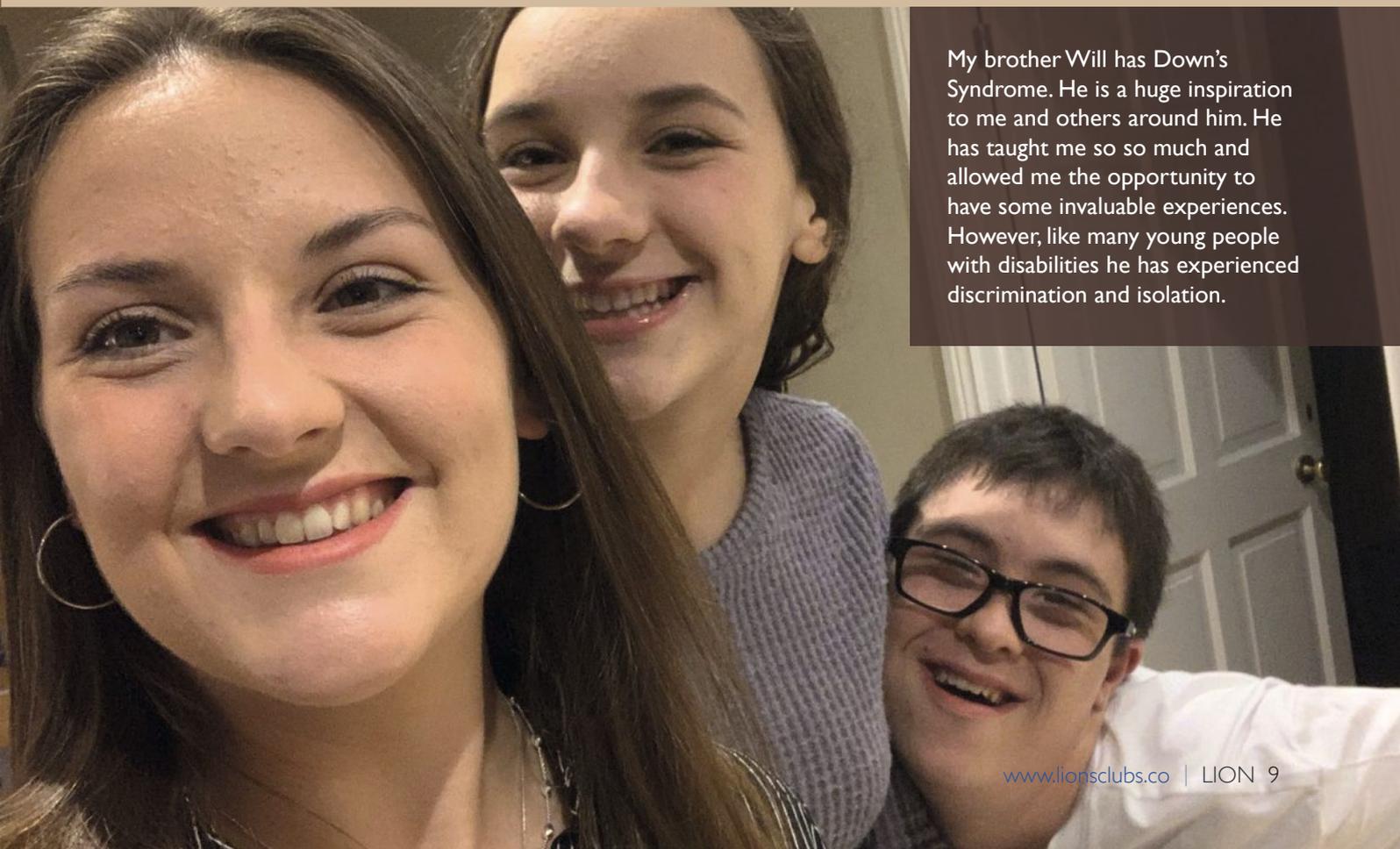
Jemima Browning

Young Ambassador
Winner 2018

Sponsoring club:
Selby Lions



PHOTO: JEMIMA BROWNING, SISTER, TABBY AND BROTHER, WILL



My brother Will has Down's Syndrome. He is a huge inspiration to me and others around him. He has taught me so so much and allowed me the opportunity to have some invaluable experiences. However, like many young people with disabilities he has experienced discrimination and isolation.

Dreams are possibilities...



IMAGE FROM: [HTTPS://JSTOR.ORG.UK](https://jstor.org.uk)

The Lions Clubs Young Ambassador Shipshape Award provides a life changing adventure at sea for one of the Young Ambassador finalists. Its purpose is for the recipient to develop their leadership skills by joining a crew of young people with a range of abilities aboard one of the Jubilee Sailing Trust tall ships.



Theo Biddle

Young Ambassador Shipshape Award Winner 2020

Sponsoring club:
Castleford & Pontefract Lions

My passion for what I do comes from my mum – homeless at age 14 she relied on charities to help her through. This is why my project supports children with free school meals during school holidays, and provides a network of support, advice and a community hub with access to hot meals. My £500 bursary bought a fridge freezer so we can help even more people in my town.

I'm grateful to the Lions for the advice, friendship and experiences I've been given, which have helped boost my confidence. The Young Ambassador programme is a great catalyst and by taking part, Lions Clubs can help young people further the work of charities and projects to make other people's lives better.

Get involved with the 2020/21 Young Ambassador programme.

The 2020/21 Young Ambassador programme is open from June to October. Entrants must be between 15 and 19 years of age at 30 June 2021.

Lions, Leo or Lioness Clubs interested in taking part in this year's Young Ambassador programme should contact their District officer for advice and support.

From October, Districts will choose a Young Ambassador from the successful club candidates to progress to the national final. This celebratory weekend event takes place in February.

The 2021 Young Ambassador for the British Isles will be invited to attend the European grand final in October.

For further information on entering the programme email: enquiries@lionsclubs.co



Listen to Joe reading his essay here:
www.lionsclubs.co

JOE'S WORLD CLASS

The global winner of the 2019/20 Lions Peace Essay competition, Joe Critchlow, travelled from Liverpool to New York to speak at the United Nations, and collect his \$5,000 award.

Joe, who is 13 years old, is a pupil at St Vincent's School in Liverpool and with the support of principal, Dr John Patterson, entered his 500 word essay, **'The Journey for Peace'**.

Joe said: "Dr Patterson found a map of Liverpool with all the city's landmarks on it so we pinpointed those that had a particular relevance to peace, then the essay took me a whole day to write".



(L-R). JOAN ELLIOT, JOE CRITCHLOW, DAVID ELLIOT, SARAH CRITCHLOW IN NEW YORK

The news that Joe had won the international competition – a first for the Lions Clubs British Isles – sent him and his mum, Sarah, with Joan and David Elliott of the City of Liverpool Lions Club on an exciting four day trip to New York to receive his award. Joe received a standing ovation from both sides of the Atlantic when he read his 'Journey of Peace' at the Lions Day with United Nations in the UN building in New York and at the Palace of Westminster, London.

Joe said: "At first there was a lot of emotion winning this competition and I was overwhelmed and excited at the same time. The Lions Clubs International Peace Essay Competition is important as it can inspire a lot of people across the world, if they have a disability or even if they don't to step up and do something about the world's peace and bring us to a brighter future".

He is now 10 chapters in to a fantasy novel he is writing, so plans to use some of his prize money to get it published.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION HEROES!

Children living with cancer starred as superheroes thanks to Braunschweig Lions Club.



PHOTOS BY HANNO KEPPEL/IMAGE PHOTOGRAPHY



Braunschweig Lions Club in Germany launched a project, Our Superheroes, to make something magical happen for children at the city hospital paediatric cancer ward.

Lion Michael Schwarze explains: “Inspired by the Italian photographer and visual artist, Josh Rossi, we brought his idea to Braunschweig.”

Rossi and his wife had worked with a designer to create movie-accurate Justice League costumes for children with diseases or disabilities. Each alter-ego was chosen to highlight a child’s unique ability.

“The idea was to showcase their inner strength in a way that would bring a smile to their faces as well as others struggling with similar issues,” says Rossi.

Nine children took part in the German project. Braunschweig Lions Club hired a photographer, videographer and makeup artist, and scheduled a full day to transform each child into their favourite character. Once photographed, the images were edited, special effects added and the results printed on 60cm x 90cm canvases.

A special ceremony was held to present the superhero children with their photographs.

“With so many superheroes present, we added another surprise - an appearance by the local fire brigade,” said Braunschweig Lions Daniel Steinke and Detlef Ohlms.

Lions in Germany believe life should have as many magical moments as possible. These help keep courage up and hope alive in difficult times.

The Lions invited the superheroes and their families, treating physicians and everyone involved in the project, to join them in a private plane for a sightseeing flight over Braunschweig.

“I cannot express my gratitude enough,” says Schwarze. “Everybody came together to give the children a magical moment.”

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Leos are the youngest members of Lions Clubs International. Leo Clubs offer young people (aged 12-18) an opportunity to make friends, develop skills and help others through fun projects and activities. Other Leo Clubs are for young adults (18-30) who work together to serve their local communities.



FAIRLOP LEOS VIRTUAL TEA PARTY

Something good to come out of COVID-19 is the friendship that's developed between 17 Fairlop Leos and the same number of elderly local residents. The group originally met through Fairlop Lions' annual senior citizens party. Realising that being in isolation could be a lonely time for their friends, the Leos have kept in touch by doing shopping, walking dogs and chatting regularly on the phone. Their latest idea is a virtual tea party. The Leos will deliver treats and cakes to the residents' front doors. Then, everyone will enjoy their afternoon tea safely at home, while having a good natter, using the phone or online technology.

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ROSS ON WYE LEOS DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS

Belonging to a Leo Club is a great way to develop lots of valuable life skills. Leos learn how to make their own decisions and take on responsibility by working as a team, managing projects and leading groups. Ross Leos are a super example as they have lots of fun planning a busy calendar of events. Last Christmas they raised money with a raffle for a luxury hamper at a local garden centre. Now, Leo President, Jessie is taking part in a sponsored family static cycle ride to raise funds for her local community.

PHOTO BY RACHAEL HENNING ON UNSPLASH ► ROSS LEO PRESIDENT, JESSIE AND VICE PRESIDENT, NATALIE

SUPPORTING YOUNG CARERS

There are up to one million young people under 18 years of age across the British Isles who provide a level of care for a parent, sibling or other family member with an illness, impairment or disability. There is little recognition of their service.

Carol Iddon, deputy chief executive at Action for Children, has said: “Children cook, clean and care unpaid for family members with little recognition of the work they do or the proper support they need”.

Research by BBC News and Nottingham University confirms that the invaluable contribution of young carers in looking after loved ones is often ‘hidden’.



The Lions Young Leaders in Service Awards offers a way to recognise young people, between 8 and 18 years of age, who dedicate their time to support others. This includes young carers.

Shirley Lions work with the Solihull Carers Trust to encourage young carers to take part in the Young Leaders in Service Awards through its Children in Need funded, Peer Mentoring and Befriending programme.

The Peer Mentor project involves more experienced carers (14 years+) offering support for younger carers, as they are likely to share similar life experiences. The mentors can provide



one-to-one support and help with fun activities at weekends or evenings.

One of the young carers participating as a mentor received a Gold Young Leaders in Service Award for their exceptional 1,835 hours service over a year.

Working towards a Young Leaders in Service Award as a Peer Mentor helps to develop their communication, organisational and team working skills that, because of their caring responsibilities, they may be unable to gain from out of hours activities at school or youth groups.

Young carers groups are located throughout the British Isles and details of how to locate services near you can be found on the Lions website: www.lionsclubs.co

YOUNG LEADERS IN SERVICE AWARDS

There are three Young Leaders in Service Awards made for 12 months of participation in community service activities:

- **Bronze** (25-49 hours)
- **Silver** (50-99 hours)
- **Gold** (over 100 hours)

As well as a certificate, the award includes a Young Leaders pin – and contributes towards a record of achievement that is of value in education and future employment.

Lions Clubs can also work with schools where pupils’ personal achievement in attaining a Young Leaders in Service Award would support Personal, Social, Health & Economic (PSHE) education provision.

One Young Leader with special educational needs received a Bronze Award having been involved with a community garden project through their school and in conjunction with a local supermarket.



Another story of success is 15 year old Olivia Carson, who was presented with a Gold Award by Warwick Lions for helping run her local Rainbow Guide Company.





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80%

of vision impairments
are curable or
preventable



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2 million

people are living
with sight loss – a figure
expected to double
by 2050

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children aged 16 or
under are visually
impaired



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degeneration**
is the leading cause
of blindness in
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More than
250
people in the UK
begin to lose their
sight every day



Learn more about LCIF grants on pages 35-40.



EMERGENCY SERVICE

Air ambulance charities across the British Isles will receive vital equipment for use in their work to tackle COVID-19 – thanks to a £161,468 grant from the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

The support of air ambulance charities for the COVID-19 response has reduced the pressure on the NHS and other public services. As well as transporting medical teams, critically ill patients, and equipment, air ambulance charities have deployed their expert critical care clinical crews and specialised medical assets to frontline ambulance services and hospitals. At the same time, they have continued to respond to accident situations and other medical emergencies.

Over the years, many Lions clubs have established relationships with local air ambulance charities through fund-raising for their lifesaving work. The LCIF grant continues this support by funding the purchase of vital equipment and supplies identified by individual air ambulance charities.

Research undertaken by Lions clubs of the British Isles and umbrella body, Air Ambulances UK, sought to understand in detail the impact of COVID-19, including on fund-raising income in the current financial year.

Chair of Council, Stewart Sherman-Kahn, explains what happened next: “We found that involvement in COVID-19 relief has affected fund-raising and created considerable extra – unbudgeted – day-to-day costs. So working with Air Ambulances UK, we compiled a list of equipment and supplies requested by individual air ambulance charities – totalling £161,468.

“Then Lions Andy Pemberton and Howard Lee, with assistance from Emma Carter and Nikki Wright of Air Ambulances UK, put together a successful grant application for the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

“We’re extremely grateful to LCIF Chairperson, Gudrun Yngvadottir, for awarding this grant, which enables us to provide immediate support for this emergency service that touches lives in all our local communities. It would be fantastic to see more Lions clubs partnering with their local air ambulance charity in future.”

Equipment funded by the LCIF Emergency COVID-19 Relief grant includes isolation capsules and decontamination units, separation screens, PPE, ventilators, respirators and hoods, a thermal screening camera and monitoring system, compression devices, fluid warmers, an ultrasound cardiac probe, and mobile connectivity devices.

Thanking Lions for their generosity, Heather Benjamin, Chair of Air Ambulances UK, said: “The donation of equipment and supplies by Lions helps air ambulance charities support the COVID-19 response and their communities in these extraordinary times and beyond”.

At your service

In response to COVID-19, the Lions MD105 Foundation of the British Isles launched a special fund. Awards totalling £140,000 have enabled 200 clubs to support those most in need, and offer direct help to thousands of individuals and organisations that provide vital local community services.

Food parcels and hampers, meals prepared for the vulnerable, veterans and the homeless, community cafe and foodbanks.	£58,000
Blood bikes.	£3,000
Community COVID-19 support and advice groups, including community transport.	£15,000
Scrub sets, washbags, ear protectors and personal protection equipment for the NHS, care homes, undertakers, GPs, health centres, paramedics, and other key workers.	£15,000
Women's refuges.	£5,500
Toiletry packs, radios, iPads and headsets for patients, the elderly and those in caring roles.	£8,000
Welfare of NHS staff: provision of food and drink, and various white goods, for example, microwaves.	£4,000
Hospices.	£11,000
Children and young people: school-based feeding programmes, resource packs, and refurbishment of IT equipment to assist pupils with school lessons from home.	£6,500
Local charitable organisations.	£12,000
At home support for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy.	£2,000

EXAMPLES OF SOME OF THE GRANTS:

- 1 Gladys uses one of Balsall Common Lions' tablets
- 2 Launceston Lions present a cheque to Blood Bikes
- 3 Garforth Lions work side by side with Neighbourhood Elders Team
- 4 Reading Lions collecting for their community fridge
- 5 Whitstable & Herne Bay Lions fund face shields for keyworkers
- 6 Washbags sewn by Coventry Mercia Lions families
- 7 NHS staff receive hand sanitisers from Coventry Godiva Lions
- 8 Grange over Sands Lions lend their support to the making of facemasks
- 9 Fleet Lions refurbish laptops for school children in need
- 10 Coningsby and Tattershall Lions hand out family food parcels
- 11 Clevedon Lions provide toiletries to their community
- 12 Thanet Lions deliver kettles and microwaves to their local hospital
- 13 Worcester Lions prepare 90 dishes for Worcester Street Café for the homeless
- 14 Scrubs handmade by Fairlop Lions members





SERVICE

Lions Step Forward

One in two people in the British Isles volunteer on a regular basis.

Of these 81% are engaged in supporting local communities.

Two-thirds of people donate financially to charities.

Lions Clubs in the British Isles raised over £9 million last year to help those in need in local communities at home and overseas.

Members of Lions Clubs International step forward by volunteering their time, supporting local communities and helping good causes.

What is one of the most common reasons people give for not volunteering?

“I’ve never thought about it.”

What do people who haven’t volunteered recently say would encourage them to get involved?

“Being asked.”

#JoinUs

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#StepForward

For more information on the benefits of local community volunteering, see: www.lionsclubs.co

Being busy bees

There's nothing quite like a fun competition to create some buzz with all ages. Here's how some Lions Clubs are being busy bees.

Fun in the sun

A competition to grow the tallest sunflower has been launched by **Bridgnorth Lions**. After picking up a free packet of seeds in their local shops, residents were invited to enter their plants for the most impressive sunflower, with prizes for the top three places.

Making minibeasts

Under 18 years olds were challenged to draw, paint, stitch or build a model of garden insects or minibeasts by **Keswick Lions**. Entries were made as window displays with local street wardens judging the best beasts.

Green stories

Local authors picked the winning entries in **Deeping Lions'** competition for children (aged 5-9 and 10-15) to write a 500 word story with an environmental theme.

Here's the spot

1,097 plots were sold by **Camborne and Redruth Lions** members for their cow pat competition. The local farmer released his cow into the field and one lucky winner received a prize for being spot on!



*“Keep your face
to the sunshine
and you cannot
see a shadow.”
– Helen Keller*

LIONS MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE – THE MOVIE

How do you boost awareness of Message in a Bottle, Lions Clubs' simple but effective way for people to keep their basic personal and medical details where they can be found in an emergency – in the fridge? You make a viral video.



Lions Melissa and Paul Murphy had an idea to direct a social media video. The storyline shows how far a Message in a Bottle could be thrown – virtually – between Lions members in their district.

Like all creatives, they did a quick back of an envelope calculation. The answer was 1,467 miles. Exactly!

Chats with cast and crew members worked out the logistics. Mini clips were shot on (socially distanced) location using mobile phones. A scene set in Zoom involved a well-trained stunt team. In just under a week, the two minute movie was shot and ready for its premiere showing.

The final cut was created using a free App, Splice. This tool makes it easy to edit video clips, add music and overlay text. Before you could say: lights, camera, action – it was time to upload online.

In its first month, the movie has been viewed 11,000 times and had over 300 shares to reach almost 30,000 people. We give the movie five stars.

Lions Clubs Message in a Bottle - the Movie can be viewed via:

www.facebook.com/pg/Lions105cw/videos/

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Afternoon tea and entertainment

Tonbridge Lions Club treated 140 senior citizens who live alone to afternoon tea and entertainment at Tonbridge Baptist Church in February.

Lion Neal Charlesworth, chairman of the organising committee, said “It gives us great pleasure to see so many people enjoying themselves”.

 "I'LL POUR," MAYOR OF TONBRIDGE, CLLR, JILL ANDERSON POURING TEA FOR MRS MASSARA WITH LION PRESIDENT LOFTY BUNYON

Windsor Lions wine and sing-along

Windsor Lions hosted 120 senior citizen guests with a cooked lunch, wine and entertainment from Italian tenor Tony Liotti, at the SportsAble hall in Maidenhead.

A ringing endorsement of the event came from Karen Page, manager at sheltered housing accommodation in Windsor from where 20 guests attended. “Our residents were buzzing and telling everyone about it. It’s so nice to see them laughing and happy, so I want to say a massive thank you.”

20th annual party celebration

Lions and Leos of District 105A pulled out all the stops to put on their senior citizens’ celebration party. Now in its 20th year, it was held at Harrow Leisure Centre for 750 guests including members of sponsoring clubs and volunteers.

Some of the fabulous thank you messages include:

- “It was fun dancing and mingling with friends.”
- “Excellent programme. Carry on the good work!”
- “Absolutely great, we enjoyed everything.”
- “Well organised and glad to see so many senior citizens of different cultures joining in to enjoy the afternoon.”





Best for babies

Lytham St. Annes Lions Club bought £8,000 of equipment for the Childrens' Unit at Blackpool Victoria Hospital. It included a neoBLUE Cozy LED Phototherapy system to treat jaundice in new babies, an Optiflow system, which warms and humidifies nasal cannula oxygen for patients, and a new overhead sensory ceiling (pictured.) All of which will provide comfort to the young patients.

 LIONS AND MEDICAL STAFF WITH THE NEW OVERHEAD SENSORY CEILING

Roger's back on the road

Roger Womack's leg was damaged in a motorcycle accident at Mallory Park in the 1960s. Over the years the pain increased, and last year it was clear that his leg would have to be amputated.

Having funded the purchase of various mobility aids himself, he found the cost of a car mounted hoist beyond his means. Now, thanks to a joint fundraising effort between Melton Lions and the Rotary Club of Melton Belvoir, Roger is able to lift his wheelchair in and out of the boot of his car.

Lions help Kurt's Club

Kurt's Club is a small mental health support group in the market town of Easingwold in North Yorkshire. It organises activities and events for those aged 20-70 including crafts, gardening and music therapy.

When budget cuts by North Yorkshire County Council meant funding was only available for half a day a week (rather than a full day), the whole project risked closure. Fortunately, Easingwold District Lions were able to help with an initial donation of £350. This delayed closure, giving Kurt's Club time to source alternative permanent funding.

Flood relief

Hereford Lions Club donated £2,500 to the Herefordshire Community Foundation appeal fund to help the families whose homes were wrecked when the River Wye reached record levels earlier this year.

Club president, George Thomas, said: "We responded immediately when around 300 families in our community had their homes swamped by one of the worst ever floods".

Helping to mend Arthur

Arthur's parents, Robert and Sarah, would like to say thank you to Whitstable and Herne Bay Lions Club. Their little boy was given a teddy when he was admitted into hospital with a broken arm and it really cheered him up.

Due to the coronavirus, his parents were unable to go into the theatre with him so teddy went instead. His parents said: "We were so grateful; it brought a smile to our sad little boy's face".



ARTHUR AND TEDDY ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

Sit, stay, win

Dozens of rosettes were presented to perfect pooches in the annual Fun Companion Dog Show staged by Camborne Redruth Lions Clubs. With 16 classes attracting 165 entries, there were plenty of good boys and girls to praise. First prize in the Young Handler class went to Jack Russell, Walter, and his owner.

Searching for a pot of gold

When Meon Valley Lions were clearing up the gardens at the Rainbow Centre in Fareham, they were surprised to look up and spot a real rainbow. There was no time to search for a pot of gold, but it was reward enough to do a good job for the Centre, which provides neuro-rehabilitation for children and adults to help them achieve their maximum potential.

Lions help Men in Sheds

Hornsea Men in Sheds started in 2019 to create a place where locals could work on their practical hobbies and do something useful for their community. Billed as a space for tools, tinkering, tea and talk, the group needed some financial help after securing a disused building as premises. Hornsea Lions were very happy to donate £2,800.



Stewart Sherman-Kahn
Chair of Council 2019/20



As you're aware, things have not turned out as planned this year. I've adapted to a 'new normal' dominated by online meetings and Facebook Live.

Despite it all, what has amazed me is the extraordinary service that Lions have managed to deliver. The diversity of initiatives is incredible. From major projects to small ones, which often go unnoticed except by those who benefit from your help. These are the stories that I will remember.

When Kash and I were able to attend events, we were made so welcome. It was a pleasure to meet fellow Lions, and hear your stories about your work.

I'd like to thank you all, for everything you do and for making me so proud to serve you this year as Chair of Council.

Pete Dilloway
Chair of Council 2020/21



I believe in the importance of working as a team, and am always willing to roll up my sleeves and get involved with an activity wherever I am able to do so.

This is the approach I have taken as a Lion and in my working career, where I was involved in roles including project management, training and development, and personnel management.

My style is to take a calm and confident, common sense approach and lead by example.

I hope others find me to be a friendly and approachable 'people person'. It's important to be respectful and good natured when addressing issues.

If anyone has concerns or questions, I am willing to listen. Then I can be helpful and supportive.

Fact File

In the British Isles, Lions clubs are formed into eight districts. Each elects a District Governor (DG) who serves for a year, starting in July.

Together, these eight Lions constitute the Council of Governors, who serve and govern Multiple District 105 British Isles.

A District Governor from the past three years is chosen as the Chair of the Council of Governors. This is a once-in-a-lifetime appointment for a term of one year.

The Council of Governors supervises administration of all Multiple District (MD) affairs. It is supported by the Council Secretary and Treasurer, as well as a small number of staff based at the Birmingham head office, and a team of MD officers.

One of the first tasks of the new Council of Governors is the appointment of officers in the Global Action Team (covering leadership, service and membership) and for functions including IT and communications.

Club: Birmingham Chinatown

Year became Lion: 2012

Age: 48

Husband: Kash Sherman-Kahn

Occupation: Chartered surveyor

Club: Brighton

Year became Lion: 1995

Age: 55

Wife: Lion Lisa Dilloway

Occupation: Early retired civil servant working in DTI/BIS



The outgoing and incoming Chair of Council and 2020/21 District Governors were invited to tell readers of the LION about themselves – in their own words. See pages 32-33 to meet your new DGs.

Alastair Joel
District 105A



When I was in the scouts, we used to help the local Lions with their gala fete. Fifteen years later, I was asked to join.

As a Lion, I'm known for the amount of energy I have – and wearing shorts, whatever the weather. I've had so much fun, made so many friends and helped make a difference to my community.

There's one particular time that I recall made me especially proud to be a Lion. We had provided an elderly lady with a Christmas hamper. She lived in terrible conditions. It upsets me that people today live like that, but we helped move her and 75 years' of possessions, to a new, clean and warm house. She was so grateful.

Ujjal S Kular
District 105CE



Being a Lion brings me happiness and has helped me excel in many areas of my life.

I really enjoy the social occasions – seeing Lions celebrate and telling about all of their ventures and successes – bringing us closer as part of Lions.

Meeting Lions from across the world at my first international convention in Milan is a special memory. We exchanged mementoes, had conversations and marched together as one international family.

My most touching memory is when clubs in our zone gave equipment to the Children's ward at Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals for the sensory room. I'll never forget the looks on the children's faces.

Barry Prior
District 105CN



I joined Lions to pay back all those people who helped me as a child. Also we help for purely humanitarian reasons.

As part of a large organisation, you have the means to help others far more than you can achieve on your own. We once arranged for a sick girl to be brought home after a bad car accident in South Africa.

Being a Lion you learn a lot about yourself. You get opportunities outside your club that every Lion should take advantage of.

You also have a laugh in Lions. One time I stood next to a gazebo at a country fair just as the rain that had collected on one side fell on one of my club members. The next minute, the same happened to me.

Richard Williams
District 105CW



I care about the community I live and grew up in, and enjoy putting a smile on someone's face.

For eight years I was proud to serve as Lions MD officer for the Youth Exchange – a role my wife, Jackie, now holds. This project helps young people – from all types of backgrounds – to travel around the world and get a great life experience.

A partnership that I've worked hard to achieve, with help from others, is with the National Federation of Young Farmers. I look forward as a result to growth in new members and clubs.

One memory from some years ago is meeting the Countess of Wessex, who noticed and straightened my Lion's lapel badge.

Club: Feltham & Whitton
Year became Lion: 2002
Age: 44
Partner: Lion Gemma Driscoll
Occupation: Maintenance manager, independent garden centre

Club: Taverham & District
Year became Lion: 1995
Age: 69
Wife: Manjit Kular
Occupation: Semi-retired, part-time driving school owner

Club: Douglas Valley
Year became Lion: 1986
Age: 72
Wife: Debbie Prior
Occupation: Retired from career in education and computing

Club: Kidderminster & District
Year became Lion: 1995
Age: 53
Wife: Lion Jackie Williams
Occupation: Bovine breeding consultant

David Wilson
District 105N



My father was a founding Charter member of Filey Lions Club – and aged 13, I worked in its charity bookshop in the summer.

In 1967, I went to Sweden on the Youth Exchange programme.

It was an honour to go on to be club president for its silver and golden jubilee celebrations.

Being able to serve our local community gives me great satisfaction. Delivering shopping and prescriptions in the current pandemic will always stick in my mind.

Also, I enjoy helping with the Christmas lunch that we organise each year for residents aged over 85 who all live in their own homes.

Steve Petty
District 105SC



A persistent Lion hounded me to become a member! Before then, I was part of a youth group that for many years supplied marquees for the annual Lions Bob Cook games in Swindon.

I've not stopped serving – or learning since. I've attended many Lions Leadership training weekends and an Advanced Leadership Institute Weekend.

Going to district, multiple district and international conventions has given me great memories. Talking to other Lions is informative, educational and enjoyable. We also have the ability to share best practice. I've already confirmed my attendance at the international convention next year.

Ian Forbes
District 105SE



After retiring earlier than expected after 35 years in the City, I signed up to join Lions. A decision I've never regretted.

I'm always up for a challenge and usually say yes when asked to get stuck into any task, although I'm not the best timekeeper.

One funny moment was when I visited a local primary school as community services chairman. The headmaster needed funding for new playground equipment. I agreed to pay the full £3,500, only to find that the club was considering offering £500!

Being a Lion has opened my eyes to never assume that everyone has everything and isn't lonely. I've benefited from working with an amazing group of Lions having fun and laughter, and gaining friendship.

David Fitzpatrick
District 105SW



I was living in a flat in a new town on my own after a divorce, looking for something to do. One weekend I went along to the annual Summer fair. Walking around I came across a bunch of people – I'd met my first Lions.

I got talking, and before I realised what was happening I was doing things for the community, meeting people, having fun and making friends.

It felt good, I became hooked and Lions became my life outside work.

I was surprised to learn about other clubs locally, nationally and internationally. So I got involved in my zone and district.

I'll always be a grassroots Lion, getting my hands dirty and doing my service.

Club: Filey

Year became Lion: 1978

Age: 68

Wife: Christine Wilson

Occupation: Retired senior nurse manager

Club: Calne

Year became Lion: 1995

Age: 71

Family: 2 children/4 grandchildren

Occupation: Retired owner of passenger transport company

Club: East Grinstead

Year became Lion: 1993

Age: 72

Wife: Susie Forbes

Occupation: Retired member of the Stock Exchange

Club: Portishead

Year became Lion: 1999

Age: 68

Wife: Lion Liz Fitzpatrick

Occupation: Retired European manager in the motor industry

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Since 1968, LCIF has dedicated our energies to increasing the ability of Lions everywhere, helping them empower the communities they serve. With every grant we give, our history grows, along with the impact of Lions. Today, we could not be more proud of where we stand, or more excited about the future of our work.



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The vast majority of funding LCIF receives is from Lions.



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OUR CAMPAIGN 100 GOALS

- 1. Increase Service Impact** – LCIF supports Lions' commitment to their communities, creating greater impact in the areas of vision, youth, disaster relief and humanitarian efforts.
- 2. Fight Diabetes** – LCIF is helping Lions reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those diagnosed.
- 3. Expand to Additional Global Causes** – LCIF is helping Lions identify areas of great need and opportunity in the cause areas of childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment; conduct pilot projects to develop expertise; and develop sustainable and long-term local and global programs.

ACROSS THE GLOBE, CHALLENGES ARE GREAT

- **Humanitarian Efforts:** Each day, 300 people die from measles
- **Disaster Relief:** Weather-related disasters have grown more than 50% over the last 40 years
- **Vision:** 2.2 billion people have vision impairment or blindness
- **Youth:** Nearly 1/3 of young teens worldwide have recently experienced bullying
- **Diabetes:** 1 in 11 people has diabetes
- **Childhood Cancer:** 300,000 children age 0-19 are diagnosed with cancer each year
- **Hunger:** ~1 in 9 people lacks enough food to be healthy and active
- **Environment:** By 2025, 2 in 3 people may face a water shortage

Sources: World Health Organization, United Nations, Food Aid Foundation, World Wildlife Fund

Grant Types

There are grants to cover the wide variety of Lion service. Chances are, there's something that aligns with service your district is interested in doing.

MATCHING GRANTS

Matching grants are for larger-scale humanitarian projects that help communities gain access to education, technology, health care, safe places for children to play, and many other life-changing improvements.

LIONS QUEST GRANTS

Lions Quest grants allow schools to establish and expand the Lions Quest curriculum.

DIABETES GRANTS

Diabetes grants allow implementation of projects that raise awareness of diabetes, expand access to care, and improve the quality of life for those diagnosed.

SIGHTFIRST GRANTS

SightFirst grants fight avoidable blindness, provide care for those who are blind or visually impaired, and develop infrastructure for comprehensive eye care systems.

LEO SERVICE GRANTS

Leo service grants allow Leos to plan larger humanitarian initiatives providing the opportunity to make a bigger impact.

DISASTER GRANTS

Disaster grants allow Lions to provide immediate and continued support to victims of natural disasters through Disaster Preparedness grants, Emergency grants, Community Recovery grants, and Major Catastrophe grants.

DISTRICT & CLUB COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS

District & Club Community Impact grants transform 15 percent of unrestricted club and district contributions to LCIF into grants, which fund local projects.

Through the District & Club Community Impact Grants (DCG) program, 15 percent of unrestricted contributions to LCIF from a club or district may be transformed into grants which fund projects at a club or district level. Qualifying donations may be made throughout the year. Those funds are available for a grant to the club or district the following Lion year.

Before a club can apply for a DCG, there is a minimum donation requirement of US\$5,000 in one year. For districts, there is a minimum requirement of US\$10,000 in one year.

The DCG program helps Lions provide many forms of service such as comforting a sick child, planting trees in a local park, or purchasing nutritious food for hungry neighbors. For more information, visit lionsclubs.org/dcg.

Life Cycle of a Grant

A grant from LCIF empowers Lions to take their impact further. Curious about how grants work? Take a look at our grant life cycle—from project conception to completion.



LCIF is Making a Difference

SHE CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW

Seven-year-old Vivian had never complained of poor eyesight, and it hadn't affected her schoolwork or playtime. One afternoon, Vivian's school hosted a free vision screening, KidSight USA, sponsored by Naugatuck, Connecticut's local Lions Club.

During the routine screening, Lions volunteers discovered an issue in Vivian's vision that was previously undetected. Upon receiving the Lions' findings, Vivian's mother, Sarah, took her daughter for a professional eye exam. Her daughter was diagnosed with refractive amblyopia, known as "lazy eye."

Refractive amblyopia is caused by one eye having significant uncorrected near- or farsightedness, or a substantial astigmatism. Because the other eye does not have these issues, the brain relies solely on the "good" eye. As a result, the afflicted eye becomes "lazy" from disuse. If left uncorrected, amblyopia can lead to permanently reduced vision.

Vivian's vision was easily corrected with prescription eyeglasses. Now aware of the issue, her eye doctor will monitor Vivian's eye health through regular checkups.

"I'm writing as a tremendously grateful parent! Without your foundation and the Connecticut Eye Research Foundation, my daughter's diagnosis would not have been determined. She has seen an eye doctor and will get the necessary treatment to improve her impaired vision. THANK YOU for giving my daughter a better quality of life because of your foundation's kindness and concern for the wellbeing of our children! Gratefully and Respectfully, Sarah"

Sight is precious. Every year, LCIF empowers Lions to help people worldwide identify and address vision issues.

SCREENING VISION IN BURKINA FASO

François couldn't see clearly more than 10 inches (25 cm) ahead. Yet, the 65-year-old man left his village at four o'clock in the morning to travel on his motorbike 29 miles (45 km). The trip was not easy. The road was rocky and in dangerous condition. He had a few mishaps along the way and followed other motorists closely so he knew where to go. He hoped the risks would be worth it.

François' friend mentioned a clinic where he could have his vision screened at no cost and purchase an affordable pair of eyeglasses. Lions of Burkina Faso used a US\$110,746 LCIF SightFirst grant to build optical clinics in areas of their country where eye care was unavailable or unaffordable. The two-year project, which began in 2018, will screen the vision of 124,000 people and will distribute 26,400 pairs of glasses.

When François arrived at the clinic, an optician screened his vision and determined the correct prescription for his first pair of eyeglasses. François was able to purchase the eyeglasses for 5,000 CFA (just US\$10). When he put them on, he smiled. He told the optician he could see everything perfectly.

François left on his motorbike and headed home. This time, he didn't need to follow anyone.

SKILLS FOR GROWING PROGRAM PROVIDES A BRIGHT FUTURE

In Montevideo, Uruguay, there is an elementary school full of bright, young children. However, in a community with issues such as violence and drugs, it can be difficult for the kids to stay focused in school and out of trouble.

Lions Quest *Skills for Growing* program is changing the school environment. The program focuses on the potential of the children and directs their energies into becoming capable young people with a sense of direction and a strong commitment to their families, schools, and communities.

"The changes we notice through the program are evident. There is a before and after," says Maria Bethania Rattia, a teacher at the school. "Implementing the program was not hard because we were supported by Lions Quest training. It shows you how to go deeper into the subject and articulate what you want to achieve with each activity," says Rattia.

The students also appreciate the lessons. "I like Lions Quest because it helps you to deal with situations and how to work with others," says Mikaela, one of the students.

Thanks to Lions Quest, these students are provided the tools needed to lead healthy and successful lives and are on a path to a bright future.

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All members of Lions Clubs of the British Isles share a commitment to serve their local communities.

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In Memoriam



Lions Clubs International

MD105 British Isles

Lions Clubs of the British Isles remember the Lions members who made a commitment to serve their local communities, we honour their memory.

Obituaries: A Celebration of Life

ALLEN: Lion Ron
Brigg District Lions Club

BAKER: Lion Clive
Kenilworth Lions Club

BAINES: Lion Roy
Retford Lions Club

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Our thoughts are with all Lions, friends, families and local communities who have lost loved ones as a result of COVID-19

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Virtual On-Line Meeting Oak Brook, Illinois, USA April 2-21, 2020

AUDIT COMMITTEE

- The committee received an update from Lions Clubs International Internal Audit and will continue to follow up and monitor action plans. The committee noted total observations decreased from a total of 18 open items to 16 open items. Total open items include Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation.
- The committee reviewed the Internal Audit Schedule for 2019-2020 and discussed revisions to the change in timing of audit projects. The internal audit plan year will be from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

- The committee reviewed the pending Constitutional Complaint filed by the Beirut St. Gabriel Lions Club and requested Legal Division staff to draft the final decision for its review and approval.
- The committee received a status report on pending litigation involving the association
- The committee continued its discussion on the timing requirements for an international director candidate to submit their certification of endorsement document to the international office.
- The committee reviewed Board Policy Manual, Chapter XXIII, Area Forums and approved the Africa Forum to be held the last full week of November or the first full week of December.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

- Selected the city of Washington DC, USA to host the 2027 International Convention.
- Approved the exception to policy to allow time for the international president candidate(s) to speak at the opening plenary session.
- The committee agreed to keep fees for convention registration the same for the 2021 Montreal International Convention.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

- The committee reviewed the continuation of the New Voices program to recognize the importance of diversity, younger members and Leos and women members.
- The committee approved the redistricting of MD 300 into 5 multiple districts, MD300A, MD300B, MD 300C, MD300D and MD300E to take place at the close of the 2023 International Convention.
- Appointed Coordinating Lions for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.
- Granted provisional zone status to United Arab Emirates, Somalia, Kingdom of Bahrain, Republic of Kosovo and Republic of Moldova and regional status to the Republic of Bulgaria.
- Amended Board Policy Chapter IX to provide financial support to zone and region chairpersons effective July 1, 2020.
- Amended Chapter VII, Standard Form District By-Laws, Article II, Section 7, by adding new part c. and d. relating to Zone Chairperson Qualifications.
- Amended the responsibilities of a Guiding Lion to encourage the new or rebuilding club to support LCIF.
- Contingent upon passage of an International Constitution and By-Laws Amendment, amended Chapter VII, Exhibit A, B, and C. of the Board Policy Manual concerning vacancy filling procedures.
- The committee discussed the inability of the district governor to replace non-functioning cabinet positions that are appointed and believes that the district governor should be able to replace appointed positions as needed. The committee will discuss this further to understand the impact and strategies for possible implementation.
- Amended the Standard Form District By-Laws, Article V., Section 1. to reference the definition of the voting members in the

cabinet as defined in Article VI, Section 2 of the district constitution.

- Revised the Board Policy Manual by removing the process for provisional district to promote the first vice district governor before March 1st as the process is no longer needed.
- Amended the definition of immediate past club president outlined in Standard Form Club By-Laws, to open the position of club LCIF coordinator position to Lions other than the immediate past club president.
- Revised the position of the district and multiple district global service team coordinator as outlined in the Standard Form District and Multiple District By-Laws, to include advocacy champion as a responsibility of these positions.

FINANCE & HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

- The committee received an update from Merrill Lynch Bank of America, the association's investment consultants, on the Lions Clubs International Investment Fund, Retirement Income and 401(k) plans' economic and capital market overview.
- The committee reviewed the third quarter forecast and the estimated revision based on the impact of COVID-19 finding merit in the report of this forecast.
- The committee reviewed the approved budget summaries from each of the committees of the board. The fiscal year 2020-2021 budget will be updated and approved at the June 2020 board meeting.
- The committee approved a request from Multiple District O for relief on a 30% tax imposed on any dues payments via bank or credit card from Argentina.
- The committee approved a request from Multiple District 412 A requesting permission to open a trust account for deposit and retention of dues.
- The committee discussed the impact of the convention cancellation on the dues



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increase amendment as well as potential revisions to the resolution. Additional information will be provided for discussion at the June 2020 board meeting.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- Approved the proposed institutes schedule and grants for leadership development training in 2020-2021. For 2020-2021, the institute grant award amount will be increased to US\$1,800 (increased from US\$1,200) for single districts and US\$750 (increased from US\$500) for undistricted provisional districts, regions, or zones.
- Confirmed support for developing an alternative plan for the concluding Day 4 of the FVDG/DGE Seminar, due to the cancellation of the 2020 International Convention.
- As of December 31, 2019, access to the upgraded Lions Learning Center (LLC powered by Litmos) was provided to all Lions and Leos. As of March 31, 2020, there have been 8,067 users who have accessed the upgraded LLC.
- Apart from the FDI in Louisville, KY, USA, in mid-September 2020, all institutes next year will be scheduled starting in December 2020.
- Effective for 2020-2021, all new applicants certified through the Lions Certified Instructor Program (LCIP) must attend an in-person LCIP training. LCIP certifications will be only in official languages through June 2024.

LONG RANGE PLANNING (JANUARY 2020 MEETING REPORT)

- The current LCI Forward plan was reviewed in its entirety. Topics discussed included increasing service reporting, progress on Campaign 100, enhanced brand visibility, Global Action Team support, and financial forecasts.
- Progress on the new version of the strategic plan was discussed and the committee acknowledged that more time would be needed to develop this plan.
- Candidates seeking the office of international president during the 2020 International Convention would need to declare their intention to run for office in writing with the Legal Division by April 28, 2020.

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- PR Grant funding was increased for next year due to demand and exhaustion of current funds this year.
- Regional brand templates and PSA development were reviewed, designed to bring marketing materials, signage and resources direct to clubs. Global launch will be early next fiscal year online and via communications to Marketing Chairperson and GAT.
- COVID-19 marketing plans were reviewed. The committee approved the proactive work being done in this area during the time of global crisis.
- Email consolidation launch plans were discussed and moved forward. The committee reviewed the digest model for club, district and multiple district levels and approved the plan.
- PR Grant reporting was discussed, with specific attention placed on providing a comprehensive analysis of the outcomes of their LCI-funded project.
- The committee discussed new proposals for messaging in the next generation of LCI Forward.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- Approved International Centennial Lions Club as a New Program Initiative to continue to engage, learn from, and engage dropped members who would otherwise be lost.
- Approved Specialty Clubs as a New Program Initiative to continue to build on momentum the Pilot Program generated.
- Approved an enhancement to the North American Membership Initiative (NAMI) Pilot Program to allow participation from all North American districts who wish to join.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

- Revised Chapter XIII, Paragraph D of the Board Policy Manual to show the club, district governors-elect and district twinning programs have been retired, however clubs and districts are encouraged to connect and collaborate without formal oversight by Lions Clubs International.

- Recognized the achievement of Lions and their global foundation in serving 226 million people this fiscal year and discussed plans to increase service reporting in the future.
- Recognized the achievement of Lions in screening over 1 million people for type 2 diabetes in honor of World Diabetes Day 2019.
- Received an update on advocacy programs, including development of the advocacy strategy and toolkit, and LCI's partnership with the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists.
- Discussed logistical details related to the upcoming launch of the Kindness Matters Service Award.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- The committee approved the 2020-2021 budget for the Technology Division, however noted the budget may need to be revisited should there be a material impact related to the COVID-19 pandemic situation.
- The committee received updates on privacy initiatives and ongoing steps being taken related to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The committee approved the security and privacy initiatives planned for the next three to six months, including record of processing activities, data protection training, security of personal data, and data breach notification. In addition to this, the committee was pleased to learn staff will be developing a new chapter for the Board Policy Manual for Technology policies.
- The committee received an update on the status of the digital products. The committee was pleased with recent usability enhancements made to improve service reporting in MyLion.
- The committee discussed updates related to replacing the existing financial system. The project is expected to go live in May 2020.
- The committee engaged in a comprehensive discussion on the long-term strategy for the Technology Division. The committee looked at the implications of strategic ideas related to Membership, Communication, Marketing/Awareness, Service, Operations, Voting, LCIF, and Systems.
- The committee was pleased with the demonstration of the new eCommerce website, which is expected to launch in May 2020.

A LIONS' TALE: HOPE FOR 20/20



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Lions Clubs International President Choi and his wife wave to crowds at the 2020 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. The float's theme – Hope for 20/20 – tells the story of Lions' commitment to prevent avoidable blindness and improve the vision of millions of children and adults around the world.

Lions first took part in the Rose Parade in Pasadena, California, in 1948. An annual tradition since 1992, the year-round production is managed by a non-profit corporation responsible for design, fund-raising and co-ordination of the thousands of Lions volunteers who decorate the float. Materials for the 2020 display included lima beans, coffee, pampas grass, yellow split pea, ground white pepper, eranthis blooms and gold clover seed.

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