



# MULTIPLE DISTRICT 105 CONVENTION 2024 NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to the second Newsletter for the 2024 MD105 Convention

*To my Fellow Lions & LEOs.*

*I really hope that you are looking forward to attending our Multiple District Convention taking place over the weekend of 3rd to 5th of May in Weston-super-Mare. This is our AGM, our opportunity to vote on our resolutions and to hear of the fantastic work and the future plans we have, by the great Lions of the British Isles.*

*It's also an opportunity to experience the great hospitality that the South West can offer and to meet up with friends old and new.*

*Your Council of Governors sincerely look forward to seeing you all in Weston-super-Mare.*

**David Pope**  
Council Chair 2023/24



### Special Guest - DAVID EVANGELISTA

Special Olympics - Regional President & Managing Director, Europe Eurasia

David Evangelista is responsible for the growth and development of the Special Olympics movement throughout 58 nations across Western Europe, Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia. David has extensive global experience in the areas of government relations, policy development, global and inclusive development programming in support of marginalized populations. David has served as a guest speaker for the United Nations, the European Union, national governments, and a number of civil society organisations on issues related to inclusive development, disability, and global affairs.



David has a Bachelor's degree (B.A.) degree in International Relations from American University's School of International Service in Washington, DC and a Masters degree in International Business from IESIDE in Vigo, Spain. David is a former member of the High Level Group on Sport Diplomacy of the European Commission, a founding member of the Sports Integrity Global Alliance (SIGA), a member of the Advisory Board of Access Challenge, and a current member of the Center for Sport and Human Rights. He is also a long-standing member of Lions Clubs International and a Lions Clubs International Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

### Special Guest - TERESA DINEEN

Past International Director

Teresa Dineen, from Ballinhassig, County Cork is a member of Cork Lions Club and was elected to serve a two-year term as International Director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 103rd International Convention, June 25 through June 29, 2021. This term finished in July 2023 but on the invitation of our current International, President, Dr. Patti Hill, Teresa continues to serve on the Board of Trustees of LCIF as an International Presidential Board Appointee, for the current year of 2023/2024 sitting on committees in both LCI and LCIF. Teresa is very proud and humbled to be a



Representative on the Board and continues to bring and gain invaluable experience from this role.

She has been a member of the Cork Lions Club since 2007 and was her club's first female President. Teresa has held a number of offices within the Association including Team Leader for District projects, District Governor, District GST Co-ordinator and District New Voices Co-ordinator. Teresa's motto during her term as first District Governor of District 133

"TEAM" defines her leadership and passion for service, "Together we must Empower, Assist and Mentor one another."

Teresa's priority is her family which includes, her partner Declan, three children and eight grandchildren. She enjoys nothing more than spending time with them. She is an avid reader, gardener, yoga enthusiast and keen hillwalker.

To book for Convention please use the link to the Convention website <https://www.md105convention.uk/index.html>



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## A selection of some of the best things to do in Weston-Super-Mare. HAVE A FUN TRIP!

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### The Grand Pier

The Grand Pier is easily Weston-Super-Mare's most familiar and well-known spots in the town. With a cosy indoor-fairground and daily events in the summer months, it's one of the best things to do in Weston-Super-Mare whilst you stroll the shore.



A mix of fun, cheesy and totally kitsch seaside vibes, you'll get to see tribute acts like Queen, and also heaps of rides for the whole family to enjoy. From the cutest little roller coaster to the Formula One simulator, you'll be in for a treat.

Whilst here, grab a treat to eat at one of the Grand Pier's foodie spots, like; the Donut Factory for their fluffy ring doughnuts. Oh, and before you leave don't forget to check out the Museum of Memories, where you'll be transported way-back-when through memorable foods, toys and tv shows plenty of good entertainment to enjoy.

### Weston-super-Mare Beach

Weston-Super-Mare Beach is a firm favourite on a sunny day! With a huge area of sandy goodness, it's perfect for traditional seaside chillout right on the shoreline. Plus, the water is quite calm for a little dip, too. Though always remember that the tidal range in Weston-Super-Mare is extreme, this means the water can go out quite significantly, exposing boggy areas of the shore.

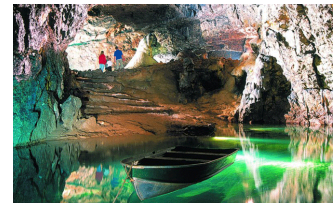
These can be dangerous as you can get stuck. Always explore with caution and remember the tide comes in very fast. Afterwards, take a walk down the pier and try your luck on the penny drops, slot machines and soft toy grabbers. Also, if you're wanting to avoid the crowds around the Grand Pier, take a stroll or drive over to Brea Beach. It's huge and just as stunning.



### Mendip Hills

Nestled just east of Weston-Super-Mare, the Mendip Hills is one of Britain's most beautiful natural landscapes to explore. With its picturesque limestone hills, the Mendips was officially declared an Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty and perfect to visit for a day trip. Not only that, the caves are where the oldest complete human skeleton was found in Britain, the Cheddar Man (who is over 9,000 years old).

Don't forget to stop in the little tea rooms (for some scones and tea) and buy some cave-aged cheddar cheese (from the Cheddar Gorge Cheese Company) whilst you're here! We loved it.



Afterwards, stop by for a little gander in Axbridge – a tiny market town that's just shy of the Mendip Hills itself. Here, you can stroll the centuries-old streets, visit King John's Hunting Lodge and pop into the Oakhouse for a yummy lunch and tipple.



Thanks to the help of the Lions of the British Isles and the support from Lions Clubs International Foundation, much has already been done over the last 25 years. This project started to rebuild a devastated Country, but, it doesn't end there, there is still a lot more that needs to be done. Please let us continue with the work we have started.

## Your Gift for Living Project needs your foreign notes and coins...



Have you returned from holiday with unwanted currency, or got old foreign coins and notes hidden away in the back of a drawer?

Only a few of us ever change the money back into sterling. The rest stockpile it at home, in all probability that the cash will be forgotten. If you arrive home with coins and notes you could afford to donate, then please send them to MDHQ where they will be collated and forwarded to a specialist dealer.

### ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO GIFT FOR LIVING.

We can accept any currency, including UK coinage and notes and even defunct pre-euro currencies such as old Spanish pesetas or Greek drachma.

You can download a foreign currency recycling poster from the Gift for Living website to arrange a collection at your local school, college, church or workplace.

And, if you manage to collect coinage weighing over 8kg - that is about five mugs full - we can arrange to collect it from you. Contact MDHQ on Tel: 0345 833 9502 or Email: [mdhq@lionsclubs.co.uk](mailto:mdhq@lionsclubs.co.uk)



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