



# MD105 Council Chairman's NEWSLETTER



Welcome to your newsletter from **Council Chairman Richard Williams**



## Greetings my fellow Lion colleagues of MD105.

So the time has come to write my last Council Chair Newsletter. Not so long ago it seems, I was appointed as your Council Chairman. I remember being so excited about taking on this role and it gave me the opportunity to work with the amazing Lions of MD105. The role didn't disappoint because I did get to meet so many wonderful Lions members. You should all be proud of what you have achieved and will continue to achieve.

As I write this newsletter to you I am content in the knowledge that we have inducted almost one thousand new Lions. I know what these new members will gain from being a Lion, they will feel the friendship, and a sense of belonging to the greatest organisation in the world. I hope they will have the chance to give their Club, District and Multiple District their opinions, as new members can give us new ideas and direction for us to go forward.

I would like to thank the team at National Headquarters, (yes please note the change of name no longer MDHQ). We have the most wonderful staff at our National Headquarters, if you don't know them already then you should. I say to the team, Brigitte, Jan and Steph sincere thanks to you. You have worked with me and supported me so much in this year and for that I am extremely grateful.



I would like to thank the District Governors which made up this year's Council. They are a great bunch and they worked well together, and the fun and fellowship we shared through the year I will never forget. So to Karanjeet, Dave, David, Brian, Jaap, Neil, Mark and Ian, congratulations on what you have achieved this year, you may not think so but you achieved so much.



## Spectacle Recycling

We have now opened a second recycling centre at National Headquarters. Of course, we also have Chichester and I am grateful to the team at Chichester that offered their time and expertise to help set up the new Birmingham operation. We now have one of the largest recycling spectacle programmes in UK. If we ever wanted a USP, I think we have it, collecting glasses and moving them on to give sight to people all over the world that are not so fortunate as us with eye health care. Environmentally too we are keeping unwanted spectacles from going to landfill so really a win, win with this programme.



**#LionsGetInvolved**



Diabetes



Environment



Hunger



Vision



Childhood Cancer



Young People



Respond to humanitarian crises



## We have a great Youth Programme called ROAR

ROAR became an MD105 National Youth Project this year. This Youth Project gives young people the opportunity to use their imagination to explain how their present and future could look. I have a saying which is important to me ... **youth is our future but our future is now!**

## Global Action Team Working Together... or as I prefer to call it THE CIRCLE OF LIONISM

From great service we make members, from great members and with the right Leadership we encourage them to understand the true value of Lionism. This collaboration of our Global Action Team is working at all levels. We have served over two million people and we have all played a part in that huge number – what a wonderful achievement. During my year as Council Chair, I visited all eight Districts, including a visit to Ireland and I took with me the greetings from MD105 to D133 Ireland. What wonderful hosts they were and their affection for MD105 is still very apparent.



## The 70th Convention was opened by our Town Cryer

I would like to send a personal thank you to all Lions who attended MD105 Convention in Birmingham. I hope those who attended the Convention found it worthwhile and we had fun and fellowship in abundance.

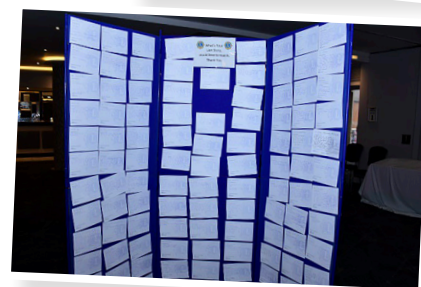
One of my highlights was being surprised with this wonderful cake at Host Night – many thanks Richard and Robyn Banks for making this monster of a cake and for keeping it secret.



## Our Story Board

During Convention attendees were asked to share their Lions journey and write them on a postcard. These will be shared shortly with everyone.

*Remember when you wear your Lions pin you have friends far & wide who want to meet you and share their Lions story.*



## New Humour Master Award

We even got to introduce the new Humour Master Award – first recipient PCC Lion Phil Robinson for telling the -----worst--- **sorry** best joke of Convention 2022!

## Convention Photos

If you would like to look back at Convention there will photos available to view on the MD 105 Lions Convention 2022 website. Have a look if there is a photo of you!!!

If you enjoyed MD105 Convention please tell others so next year even more can come along and share the experience that you enjoyed.



## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

(and this thought is for me)

Don't be sad it's over - **Be happy it happened**



So, finally all I would like to say on behalf of myself and my better half Lion Jackie, thank you for all the love you have shown us this year. Keep being the great Lions you are and until we meet again remember you are all ....**A Kind of Magic**

Goodbye