It is my pleasure to welcome you on behalf of the Council of Governors to our 66th Annual Multiple District Convention. While it is a great privilege for me to serve as Chairman of the Council of Governors for Multiple District 105, British Isles and Ireland, it is also poignant that I will be the last Chairman of a Council of Governors for MD105 which includes Ireland.

This year we celebrate 100 years of Lionism, and we are delighted to welcome our 100th International President, Chancellor Bob Corlew and Lion Dianne to share our Convention, and celebrate with us the successes and service of the past and look forwards to the success and service of the future.

Our Convention Host Committee, our MDHQ Staff and the MD Convention Officer have worked very hard to deliver a successful Convention; and I hope that you enjoy the friendly hospitality of Blackpool, joining together with fellow Lions in fun and fellowship.

The Convention is the AGM of our Multiple District and will consider many issues which may shape the future of our Multiple District. I know that those issues will be debated with courtesy and respect for the views of others.

I look forward very much to enjoying your company, insight and friendship.

With my very best wishes for a wonderful Convention.

IPDG Lion Heather Jeavons
Chairman of Council 2016 – 2017
MD105 British Isles & Ireland
Council of Governors
2016 - 2017

Council Chairman 2016-17
IPDG Lion Heather Jeavons

DG 105A
Lion Brindar Singh Nandra

DG 105BN
Lion Sue Tyson

DG 105BS
Lion Steve Shields

DG 105C
Lion David McDowell

DG 105D
Lion David Taylor

DG 105E
Lion Balvinder Singh Sokhi

DG 105EA
Lion Nigel Folkard

DG 105I
Lion Paul Allen

DG 105M
Lion Ron Cross

DG 105NE
Lion David Wheeler

DG 105SE
Lion Rod Weale

DG 105SW
Lion Fred Broom

DG 105W
Lion Godfrey Morris

Council Officers 2016-2017

Council Secretary
PCC Lion Andy Pemberton

Council Treasurer
PCC Lion Philip Goodier

Sergeant at Arms
PDG Lion Dave Seager

HQ Staff

Office Manager
Lion Brigitte Green
Administrator
Jan Dempsey
Administrator
Stephanie Smith
MD105 District Governors Elect
2016 - 2017

DG 105A
Lion Abnash Bains

DG 105BN
Lion Roy Axten

DG 105BS
Lion Teresa Nickson

DG 105C
Lion Michael Boldero

DG 105D
Lion Peter Burnett

DG 105E
Lion Stephen Green

DG 105EA
Lion Derek Prior

DG 105I
Lion Teresa Dineen

DG 105M
Lion Chris Burrows

DG 105NE
Lion Malcolm Hogg

DG 105SE
Lion Jackie Robinson

DG 105SW
Lion Ian Snell

DG 105W
Lion Steve Petty
Council Chairman Portfolios
Lion Heather Jeavons

Council Chairman
Lion Heather Jeavons
Constitution, Nominations & Resolutions Officer
Lion Trevor Kell
Strategic Development Committee Chairman
Lion Simon Moss
Patrons’ Liaison Officer
Lion David Firth
MD Sergeant at Arms
Lion Dave Seager
MD Convention Officer
Lion Paul Withers
MD Centennial Chairman
Lion Phil Nathan

Council Secretary Portfolios
Lion Andy Pemberton

Council Secretary
Lion Andy Pemberton
MD Headquarters
Lion Brigitte Green
MD Welfare Projects & Special Appeals
Lion Andy Pemberton
Legal Adviser
Lion Andy Pemberton
Vulnerable Persons/Data Protection Officer
Lion Andy Pemberton
Health & Safety Officer
Lion David Colville
Lion Brian Dickey

Portfolio Co-ordinators & Multiple District Officers
2016 - 2017

Council Treasurer Portfolios
Lion Philip Goodier

Council Treasurer
Lion Philip Goodier
Charities Treasurer
Lion Tom Berry
Insurance Adviser
Lion Bryan Riley
Tax Adviser
Lion Viresh Paul

Health Portfolios Co-ordinator
Lion Penny Tregillus

Diabetes Officer
Lion Keith Hedges
Message in a Bottle (MIAB) Officer
Lion Mathew Bungard
MedicAlert Liaison Officer
Lion John Sutherland
Physical & Learning Disabilities Officer
Lion Tony Buchan
Sight Preservation Awareness and Action Officer
Lion Rizvi Rawoof
Speech & Hearing Officer
Lion Derek Rutter
Environment Officer
Lion Judith Goodchild
Portfolio Co-ordinators & Multiple District Officers
2016 - 2017

International Portfolios Co-ordinator
Europa Forum Committee Chairman
Lion Andy Pemberton
Korle Bu
Lion Howard Lee
Gift for Living Committee Chairman
Lion Phil Nathan
International Convention Committee Chairman
Lion Andy Pemberton
International Relations Officer
Lion Evan Jones
LCIF Officer
Lion Geoff Leeder

Communications Portfolios Co-ordinator
Lion Ian Gott
Information Technology
Lion Dave Allen
LION Magazine Management Committee Chairman
Lion John Hall
Marketing and Public Relations Chairman
Lion Ian Gott
Sponsorship
Lion Max Mongia

Membership Portfolio Co-ordinator
Lion David Merchant
Global Leadership MD Co-ordinator
Lion Linda Picton
Global Membership MD Co-ordinator
Lion Ian Clare
Lioness Clubs Co-ordinator
Lion Angela Howard

Youth Portfolios Co-ordinator
Lion Corinne Ashburner
Leo Clubs Co-ordinator
Lion Andrew Kerr-Sutherland
Life Skills Officer
Lion David Skinner
Young Ambassadors Committee Chairman
Lion Glenys Sanders
Young Leaders in Service Officer
Lion Sally Marsh
Youth Exchange Officer
Lion Keith Mates
Peace Poster
MDHQ
## Convention Agenda

### Saturday 22nd April - Morning 09.00

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### Agenda Items

- **Call to Order**
- **Health and Safety Briefing**
- **Convention to receive Past International Director Phil Nathan and Lion Heidi**
- **Convention to receive Past International Director Howard Lee and Lion Claire**
- **Convention to receive International President Chancellor Bob Corlew and Lion Dianne**
- **Convention to receive the Deputy Mayor of Blackpool**
- **Convention to recognise overseas visitors**
- **National Anthems and the Ceremony of the Flags**
- **Flags handed to the Stage Party and Vote of thanks to Flag Party**
- **Chairman’s Welcome**
- **Introduction of the Special Guests and Overseas Visitors**
- **Light the Candle of Peace**
- **Invocation and In Memoriam**
- **Lions Purposes and Lions Code of Ethics**
- **Loyal Greetings, Messages and Apologies**
- **Introduction of Deputy Mayor by President of Blackpool Lions**
- **Opening of Convention by the Deputy Mayor of Blackpool**
- **Vote of Thanks to the Deputy Mayor of Blackpool**
- **The Deputy Mayor of Blackpool is escorted from Convention**
- **Partners Depart Convention for Visit to Lake District**

### SHORT BREAK

**Call to Order and Attendance Update**

**Declaration of Convention Procedures**

**Receive and sign the Minutes of the 65th Convention**

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Election of MD105 Candidate for International Director 2018-20** - Introduction by CNRO as Supervising Officer

**Address by ID Candidates to Convention**

**Vote for election of ID Candidate by Secret Ballot (Blue Slip)**

### SHORT BREAK

**Introduction of International President Chancellor Bob Corlew**

**Address to Convention by International President Chancellor Bob Corlew**

**Emergency Resolutions 1, 2, and 3 regarding Ireland**

**Emergency Resolution 1 - Constitutional Change to enable Ex Gratia Payment**

**Emergency Resolution 2 - Amount of Ex Gratia Payment - District 105 I**

**Emergency Resolution 3 - Constitutional Amendment to revert the Constitution**

**Resolution 14 on Redistricting Secret Ballot (Green Voting Slip)**

### SHORT BREAK

**Resolutions 1-7 and Resolution 9, Constitutional Amendments, (Card Vote)**

**Resolution 8 - Format of The Lion Magazine (Card Vote)**

**SAA – Notices**

### LUNCH BREAK AND COUNT OF SECRET BALLET VOTES
## Convention Agenda

**Saturday 22nd April - Afternoon 13.30**

*The running order may be subject to change*

### List of Agenda Items

- **SAA - Call to Order, Welcome Back and Attendance update**
- **Result of ID Candidate Vote**
- **Presentation to Convention of MD105 Nominee for ID 2018-20**
- **Acceptance address by Elected Nominee for ID Candidate 2018-20**
- **Result of Vote on Resolution 14**
- **Resolution 15 vote (White Voting Slip)**

**SHORT BREAK**

- **Resolution 10 - Amendment to Dispute Procedure (Card Vote)**
- **Resolution 11 - Amendment to Standing Orders (Card Vote)**

**MD Officers’ Reports**

- a. Council Chairman Portfolio
- b. Council Treasurer Portfolio
- c. Council Secretary Portfolio
- d. Health Portfolio
- e. International Portfolio
- f. Membership Portfolio
- g. Communications Portfolio
- h. Youth Portfolio

- **Recognise and thank all MDO’s**
- **Resolution 12 - Dues (Card Vote)**

- **Resolution 13 - Increase to New Members Joining Fees (Card Vote)**
- **Resolution 17 - Amendment to MD Constitution concerning expenditure on DGE Partners attending International Convention (Card Vote)**
- **Resolution 16 Peace Poster**
- **Result of Resolution 15 vote**
- **Open debate on future of MD 105 - Responses to Pre-notified Questions**
- **General Discussion**
- **Summary of Discussion by CC**
- **Vote of Thanks to MD CNRO**
- **Final SAA Notices and Close**

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**Gala Dinner**

**BANQUET & BALL**

7 for 7.30pm
**Convention Agenda**

**Sunday 23rd April - Morning 09.15**

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- **SAA - Call to Order**
- **Convention to Receive**
  - Chairman of Council IPDG Lion Heather Jeavons and Lion President David
  - Past International Director Lion Phil Nathan MBE and Lion Heidi
  - Past International Director Lion Howard Lee and Lion Claire
  - International President Chancellor Bob Corlew and Lion Dianne
- **Introduction of District Governors forming the Council of Governors 2016-2017**
- **Presentation on PR by Lions Mandy and Ian**
- **Presentations by Young Ambassadors 2016 and 2017**
- **Peace Poster Competition 2017 - Lion Brigitte Green**
- **Presentation by Lion Heidi and James on their Shipshape Challenge Adventure**
- **MD 105 Centennial Planning update - PID Phil Nathan MBE**
- **LCI Forward – PID Howard Lee**
- **Presentation of the Bert Mason Memorial Trophy**

**SHORT BREAK**

- **Introduction of the CC Elect 2017-2018 - DG Lion Balvinder Sokhi**
- **Introduction of the District Governors Elect 2017-2018**
- **Address by the Council Chairman Elect**
- **Presentation of Awards by International President and PID Howard Lee**
- **Presentation of the MD Travelling Lion Trophy and Scrap Book Competition**
- **Vote of Thanks to International President - PID Phil Nathan MBE**
- **Presentation by the 2018 Host Committee - PDG Mike Hendy**
- **Introduction and thanks to MDO Paul Withers and 2017 Host Committee**
- **Presentation of Flag to the 2018 Host Committee**
- **Results of New MD 105 LOGO competition**
- **Farewell and Best Wishes to District 133 Ireland**
- **Chairman of Council’s Concluding Remarks**
- **SAA final announcements**

**CLOSING CEREMONY**
1. The Multiple District Sergeant at Arms (MD SAA) PDG Lion David Seager called Convention to Order at 9.00 hrs on Saturday 7th May 2016

2. Multiple District Health and Safety Office Lion Brian Dickety announced the Health and Safety procedures relating to this Convention.

3. Convention received PID Phil Nathan MBE and Heidi.

4. Convention received PID Howard Lee and Claire.

5. Convention received the Mayor of Eastbourne Councillor Janet Coles, accompanied by Lion Jacqueline Stevens, President of Eastbourne Lions Club.

6. MD SAA conducted the Ceremony of the Flags. The Union Flag, the flags of the Republic of Ireland, USA and Lions Clubs International were paraded and saluted by the singing of their National Anthems. The Flags were presented to Past International Directors and Council Chairman DG 105I and displayed on stage.

7. SAA handed over convention to CC Simon Moss who thanked the Flag Party on behalf of Convention.

8. MD 105 Chairman of Council (CC) Simon Moss welcomed everyone to the 65th Multiple District Convention. He expected a passionate debate and hoped that Lions could disagree without being disagreeable. CC Simon then announced that International Director Dr Yamada would not be attending as a result of a clash of dates, he had indicated that he hoped to visit MD 105 during his year as Chairman of LCIF. It had not been possible to find a replacement at short notice. CC recognised the guests from outside the Multiple District from MD 103, MD 111 and MD 110.

9. The Candle of Peace and Remembrance was lit by DG 105 A Meena Gupta.

10. Convention stood to hear the Invocation read by DG 105 BS Chris Aked who then delivered the in Memoriam.

11. The Lions Clubs International Purposes were read to Convention by DG105 SW Lesley Clarke and the Lions Code of Ethics were read by DG 105 C Nigel Ware.

12. CC then invited Lion Jacqueline Stephens President of Eastbourne Lions to introduce the Mayor of Eastbourne Councillor Janet Coles to formally open Convention. During her address to Convention she highlighted the attractions of Eastbourne and Sussex then praised the work of Eastbourne Lions Club especially their work at events for the Disabled.

13. CC thanked the Mayor on behalf of the MD and presented his personal banner before The Mayor departed.

14. MD SAA conveyed the greetings to Convention from HM The Queen and the President of the Republic of Ireland Mr Michael Higgins. There was also a letter from Dr Yamada apologising for being unable to attend and thanking Lions of MD105 for all their work. A letter of good wishes had also been received from PID Colin Vincent.

15. SAA now called Convention to order.

16. CC then called upon SAA to give an attendance report at 10.00 hrs 249 Clubs were represented by 341 voting delegates with 40 Alternates and 149 others.
17. Lion Trevor Kell MD Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer (CNRO) took Convention through the procedures published in the Convention Book.

18. CC then invoked the Multiple District Standing Orders as the Order of the Day for Convention.

19. CNRO was called to stage to explain the voting procedures for the endorsement of a candidate for 3rd International Vice President.

20. PID Phil Nathan took the stage to address Convention.

21. CC announced a ten minute break in proceedings in order to enable voting (by secret ballot using the blue voting paper) to take place. The partners also then left the hall for an opportunity to explore the area individually or on the organised trip.

22. The Minutes of the 64th MD Convention in Birmingham 9th and 10th May 2014 were received and approved. They were formally signed CS and CC. There were no matters arising.

23. Prior to the open debate on future of MD 105 Structure and Governance CC made a statement on the background from his statement at MD Convention Birmingham when elected also covering the timings of the Councils work and reporting on the topics.

24. Facilitators DG Paul Stafford 105 E and DG David Wells 105 NE began the debate on future of MD 105 Structure and Governance with a short presentation of the background to the Council proposals.

Contributions to the debate on Restructuring and Governance were invited from the floor and they came from:
Mike Baker Alton Lions Club (D)       Dave Handley Stone Lions Club (BS)
Roy Axten Kendal (BN)                Jeff Byers Bournemouth (D)
David Atkins Glastonbury and Street (D)   Johnson Wong Watford (A)
Harry Smith Keynsham (W)            Alan Deacon Scarborough (NE)
John Syms Exeter (SW)              Paul Martin UEA Campus Club (EA)
Brenda Butler Maidenhead (D)       John Goodchild Lodden Valley (D)
Robin Young Bradley Stoke (W)      Jaap de Jonge Shirley (M)
Brian Yeoman Bramley & Wickersley (C) John Hall Bridlington (C)
Paul Withers Cranleigh (SE)        Lynden McIntyre Slough (D)

Contributions to the debate on Redistricting were invited from the floor and they came from:
Chris Southworth Aberdeen (NE)      Derek Prior Billericay (EA)
Eric Wright Harrogate (C)           Alan Good Exeter (SW)
Sue Patrick Hinckley & Burbage (M)  Paul Anstice Northampton 80 (M)
Matthew McNally Marston Green (M)   David McDowell Otley (C)
John Smith Rottingdean & Saltdean (SE) Bryan Riley Southwolds (C)
David Careswell Babacombe (SW)      Chris Burrows Shirley (M)
Ian Gott Chipping Sodbury (W)       Cyril Goodridge Rotherham (C)
Andrew Sutherland Edinburgh (NE)    Mandy Hawksley Bungay (EA)
Godfrey Morris Bridgend (W)         Alan Ashburner Mid Tyne (NE)

25. CC asked Convention if they wished to continue the debate as the 90 minutes allocated had now passed. CC called for a show of cards. Convention decided to move on to the next business.

26. SAA gave an update on attendance 460 delegates, 42 Alternates, 104 others representing 261 Clubs.
27. PCC John Goodchild Lodden Valley then raised a point of order concerning 5 Resolutions rejected by Council for debate. He contended that Constitutional process had not been followed. There were several exchanges with the Council Chairman who defended the position of Council especially against the remark by PCC John that Council refused the Resolutions because did not want to debate them. PCC John accepted the decision of CC “with bad grace”

28. CC asked CNRO Lion Trevor Kell to introduce the Resolutions for Discussion. In his introduction he explained that Resolution 3 would be withdrawn under Roberts Rules of Audit and any Redistricting Resolutions would be by Secret Ballot under Board Policy Rules.

29. Resolution 6
DG Marion Conneely 105 I proposed the resolution on behalf of Council and was seconded by DGE 105I Paul Allan

A Resolution concerning the redistricting of Sub-District 105I
This Convention (a) approves the re-districting of Lions Clubs in Sub-District 105I into a new Single District separate from Multiple District 105 with effect from 1st July 2017 and (b) if so approved, instructs the Council of Governors of Multiple District 105, in conjunction with the Officers of Sub-District 105 I, to take all necessary steps as prescribed by the Constitution and By-laws of Lions Clubs International or otherwise to obtain approval of same by the Board of Lions Clubs International.
A list of clubs to be allocated to the proposed District and a map showing the boundaries that the new District will follow are appended (not attached to minutes).

Explanation:
An explanation of how the multiple/sub-district(s) will be better served through redistricting, including a detailed plan that outlines goals and action plans to support membership growth, leadership development and club support initiatives are attached with the list of clubs and map at Appendix 1.

Constitutional Note: To be enacted, this resolution will a simple majority of the registered and certified delegates. By way of secret ballot

Debate
There were contributions to the debate from PCC Jeff Byers Bournemouth D, Martin Wood Chelmsford EA, PCC Bryan Riley Southwolds C, Eric Wright Harrogate C, Ron Kenworthy Ellesmere Port BS, PCC David Firth Westbury D, PID Philip Nathan South Woodham Ferrers EA, Council Treasurer PCC Philip Goodier. CT advised Convention on legal opinion received regarding 105I interest in MDHQ when the leave MD105.

Result of Ballot For 380, Against 31, spoilt papers 2 The resolution was passed.

30. Emergency Resolution
Convention by way of show of cards accepted this emergency resolution for debate.

Proposed on behalf of the Council of Governors by DG Chris Crick 105 EA seconded by DG 105 C Nigel Ware
Emergency resolution concerning further consultation into the matter of redistricting the Multiple District

This Convention instructs that the Council of Governors for the year 2016 – 2017 undertake a further period of consultation and communication with all Districts regarding the redistricting of the Multiple District excluding District 105I.
Following such period of consultation and communication, the Council of Governors for the year 2016 – 2017 shall prepare and submit a resolution or resolutions to the MD Convention in May 2017 concerning redistricting from July 2019.

Constitutional Note: To be enacted, this resolution will require a simple majority of those delegates present at Convention who exercise their right to vote.

If this resolution is carried Resolutions 7 & 8 will be withdrawn.

Explanation:
Council were the subject of an official dispute which challenged, amongst other things, certain constitutional issues arising from the Convention Call and the submission of resolutions by Council.
Advice was sought from LCI Legal who recommended the formation of a Multiple District Constitutions Committee (MDCC) to consider the constitutional issues on behalf of the Multiple District.
They also advised that the Dispute should be dealt with under MD Dispute Resolution Procedures. The conclusions of the MDCC have been circulated to all clubs.
Separately, the official Dispute was dealt with by Conciliators appointed and agreed by both parties to the dispute.
The Conciliators agreed with the findings of the MDCC and also recommended that an Emergency Resolution, as above, be submitted to Convention in May 2016.
The findings of the Conciliators are binding on both parties to the dispute.

Financial impact:
If enacted the predicted savings to the MD of £10,150 - £12,600 pa resulting from redistricting to eight or seven districts with effect from 1 July 2018 would not be realised until the following year assuming a resolution to redistrict is approved at the 2017 MD Convention. The Council Treasurer has forecast no increase in MD dues as a result of this delay, assuming other proposed savings are implemented, but this would remove £10,150 - £12,600 from the MD budgets.
In addition, potential savings to members of between £17,500 and £21,500 pa, based on the average current costs of district conventions and DG Team allowances, would also not be realised until the following year.

Debate
There were contributions in addition, to proposer and seconder, to the debate from

Council Chairman called for a show of delegated cards For 204 Against 134 Resolution carried.
This resulted in Resolutions 7 & 8 being withdrawn.

CC thanked Convention for a vigorous debate which was in the most part respectful of others opinions.

31. CC called on SAA to give any notices prior to the lunch break. Convention was asked to return for 14.00 restart. SAA adjourned Convention at 13.05 hrs.
32. Call to Order 14.10

33. CC Simon welcomed everybody back. He apologised for the delays encountered in lunch service.

34. Whilst awaiting the return of CNRO, occupied in the ballot count, CC moved to the MD Officer reports.
   Council Chair Portfolio
   There were no updates from the various officers. Council Chair stated he was disappointed in the comments during the morning debates that he was pursuing a personal agenda, he was an active club Lion and gave of his time freely to the MD not for personal promotion. CC also drew attention to the use of Social media as a discussion forum, this was a public forum and did nothing to promote Lions. It would be better Lions used the Forum on the MD website for discussions and Social Media to promote Lionism.

Council Secretary Sec Portfolio
Council Secretary addressed Convention on the work of MDHQ in the last 12 months, and thanked the staff Brigitte, Jan and Stephanie for their hard work. PDG Evan Wm Jones reminded Convention of the successful work with Blind Veterans UK. CS thanked the Legal Team, David Colville and Brian Dickety on the work they had undertaken. Much of the work is to help Clubs meet their legal obligations not popular but necessary.

35. CC then announced the results of the Ballots
   • Endorsement of Candidate for Office of 3rd Vice President PID Phil Nathan For 367 Against 77 Spoilt paper 1 (See minute 20)
   • Resolution 6 Redistricting sub District 105I For 380 Against 31 Spoilt papers 2 (See minute 29).

36. Resolution 5
Proposed by Steve Newton Meon Valley LC Seconded by Mike Baker Alton LC
Proposal concerning Club Delegate Formula.
This Convention requests the Board of Directors of the International Association of Lions Clubs to review the current rules regarding the Club Delegate Formula and to consider including ‘all club members in ‘good standing’ of a club on the closing date for receipt of Nominations and Resolutions for the relevant convention’ in the delegate formula.

Explanatory note:
It is submitted that the current International legislation for having to be a Lion for ‘One Year and One Day’ before being considered for inclusion as a Club Member with regard to the number of Registered Delegate votes each Club is assigned is undemocratic.
Within Multiple District 105, the MD Convention is generally held in the month of May each year and consequently the 31st March is the cut-off date for determining the number of Registered Delegate votes for each club. By way of an example, a Club Member who joined on 6th April 2015 would not be included in their Club’s Registered Delegate ‘allowance’ within MD105 until the 2017 Convention, thereby potentially disenfranchising their Club by a Delegate vote.

Constitutional Note: To be enacted, this resolution will require a simple majority of those delegates present at Convention who exercise their right to vote.

There was one contribution from the floor, DGE David Taylor Gillingham and Shaftesbury D.
CC called for a show of cards and the resolution was carried.
37. Council Treasurers Report

Council Treasurer PCC Philip Goodier presented the 2014/2015 General Funds Accounts. A new short form of Accounts was circulated. He commented on the costs of running Headquarters over and above staff costs. He also drew Convention’s notice to some immediate cost reductions that Council had introduced especially those concerning International Convention and Europa Convention. A Pension Scheme had been introduced for all employees, responsibilities we could not and should not avoid. Dues for next year were proposed to remain at £28.50, a small reduction was possible but with uncertainties they might have to increase in near future. The best solution was to increase membership. CT applauded the hard work of Charities Treasurer PDG Tom Berry and Insurance Advisor PCC Bryan Riley. He reported that Council had supported the treatment of the self-insurance Fund as shown in the accounts.

CT gave a detailed report on the CIO project. It was a costly exercise but had revealed a number of issues. CT had organised a status review with the Charities Treasure, MDGLT Co-ordinator and Council Secretary. There were 6 Pilots 2 had achieved CIO status, 1 was almost there. These had required detailed support from The External Legal advisors. The next 3 Pilots would be organised by the MD Team PDG Tom Berry, Linda Picton and Council Secretary 80 Clubs had indicated they wanted to become CIO. The questionnaire all Clubs were asked to return had raised a number of issues, Clubs raising in excess of £5000 and not registered, Clubs still using a Charity Number despite having been struck off, or had deregistered. The problem was made worse by Clubs failure to respond to the questionnaire 131 out of 652 Clubs had not responded (46 from one District). From the returns received over 100 clubs were operating outside the law, something that could bring Lions into disrepute. Lions were raising over £7m from the public £1.4m outside the legal framework. A second team had been established to work on CIO introduction, but the priorities were being reassessed to concentrate on clearing up the issues first, The Charity Commission would allow us time, but not indefinitely.

There were questions from PFDG Paul Withers Cranleigh SE, PCC John Goodchild Lodden Valley D, PDG Eric Wright Harrogate C, PDG Dave Handley BS.

38. CC then returned to MDO Reports

Health no updates. International LCIF were presented with a £500 cheque from MD105 Pin Traders, PCC Geoff Leeder reported on the opening of the Montford School for the Deaf in Haiti, a recovery project funded mostly by MD105. IPCC Michael Philips was presented with the LCIF Chairpersons Medal. At this time DG 105 E Paul Stafford came forward and signed a twinning agreement with District 103 N. Youth PDG Paul Withers thanked the MD for their support on Youth Exchange. Membership and Communications no updates. CC thanked all officers for their hardwork during the year, their reports were adopted enbloc.

39. Resolution 10

Proposed by DG Heather Jeavons seconded by DG Paul Stafford

A Resolution concerning the restructuring of the CAC and the LRPC
This Convention Resolves to delete Article II Sections 15 and 16 of the MD Constitution in their entirety and replace them with a new Section 15 to read:

Section 15
'There shall be a Multiple District Strategic Development Committee which shall, on behalf of the Council be responsible for:
The commissioning of training for Vice District Governors and for Incoming Multiple District Officers.
Long Range Planning for MD as custodians of the MD 5 Year Plan.
Advising Districts on 5 Year plans.
The committee shall consider and report to Council on any matter referred to it by the Council and on any matter the committee shall request agreement from Council to review. The committee may invite any Lion to any meeting.
The members of that committee in each year shall be the most recent Past Chairman of the Council available and willing, who shall chair the committee, one Immediate Past District Governor, one 1st Vice District Governor, one 2nd Vice District Governor (ideally none of the above from the same District), the Council Secretary, the Council Treasurer and the MDHQ Office Manager.'

And:
To amend Article II Section 14 by removing the words ‘save that in the case of Long Range Planning Committee there shall be seven members provided by the Districts and a non-executive Chairman appointed by Council. The Council Advisory Committee shall consist of six members. The Council shall appoint the Chairmen of such committees.’ and replace with the words ‘save in the case of the Multiple District Strategic Development Committee which shall consist of seven members.’

Explanation:
The Council of Governors have recommended that the Multiple District would be better served if the functions of the CAC and the LRPC were amalgamated into one committee (Multiple District Strategic Development Committee). Both the CAC and the LRPC are formed in accordance with the Constitution and so to amalgamate them into one committee requires the above changes to the Constitution. For Financial impact see lines 10, 19 and 20 of Appendix 4

Constitutional Note: To be enacted, this resolution will require a two thirds majority of those delegates present at Convention who exercise their right to vote.

There were no contributions from the floor

CC called for a card vote there was a substantial majority in favour, resolution carried

40. Resolution 11
Proposed by DG Heather Jeavons seconded by DG Paul Stafford
Proposal to amend the MD Constitution in order to bring the proposed changes of Governance in regard to MD Portfolio Co-ordinators within the Constitution.

This Convention resolves to amend Article II Section 14 of the MD Constitution by Removing the words ‘Multiple District Membership and Communication Portfolio Co-ordinator’ and replacing them with the words ‘Multiple District Membership and Leadership Portfolio Co-ordinator, Multiple District Communication Portfolio Co-ordinator’.
Also
Remove the words 'The holders of the four Multiple District Co-ordinators' and replace with the words 'The holders of the five Multiple District Co-ordinators'

Explanation:
The Constitution names the portfolios of the current four MD Co-ordinators as ‘Youth’, ‘International’, ‘Health’ and ‘Membership & Communications’. Council have recommended that there now be five MD Portfolio Co-ordinators with Communications being separated from Membership creating a new independent Portfolio Co-Ordinator, and with Leadership being added to the Portfolio of the Membership Co-ordinator.

Constitutional Note: To be enacted, this resolution will require a two thirds majority of those delegates present at Convention who exercise their right to vote.

There were no contributions from the floor.

CC called for a card vote there was a substantial majority in favour, resolution carried.

41. Resolution 1
Proposed by DG Keith Wilding seconded by DG Alan Chapman.
Proposal to amend the District Constitution to remove a contradiction caused by the Emergency resolution to the 2015 MD Convention.

This Convention resolves to delete Article V in its entirety and renumber the remaining Articles VI – IX to be Articles V – VIII

Explanation:
1. The Emergency Resolution adopted at MD Convention 2015 in Birmingham left a direct contradiction between Article I Section 2 and Article V Section 1.
2. The current Article V states ‘Every District making up the Multiple District shall formally adopt its own District Constitution in accordance with the relevant provisions of Article VII of the International Constitution and By-laws (as amended from time to time)’. This is factually incorrect, as Article VII of the International Constitution now makes no mention of District Constitutions.

This resolution will remove the contradiction caused by last year’s Emergency Resolution whilst maintaining the spirit of that resolution, and bring the MD Constitution back into compliance with the International Constitution

Constitutional Note: To be enacted, this resolution will require a two thirds majority of those delegates present at Convention who exercise their right to vote

There were no contributions from the floor.
CC Called for a card vote there was a substantial majority in favour, resolution carried.

42. Resolution 2
Proposed by DG Keith Wilding seconded by DG Alan Chapman.
Proposal to amend the MD Constitution in order to conform with the International Constitution as amended at the International Convention in Hawaii in 2015.
This Convention resolves to amend Article VIII of the MD Constitution to reinstate the position of International Third Vice President beginning with the 2016 – 2017 term as follows:
Article VIII title: replace the word ‘second’ with the word ‘third’
Article VIII – Section 1 (a) replace the word ‘second’ with the word ‘third’
Article VIII – Section 1 (b) replace the word ‘second’ with the word ‘third’
Article VIII – Section 3 (a) replace the word ‘second’ with the word ‘third’
Article VIII – Section 4 (a) replace the word ‘second’ with the word ‘third’

Explanation:
The 2015 International Convention in Hawaii resolved to reinstate the position of International Third Vice President beginning with the 2016 - 2017 term. As a result, Multiple Districts shall propose candidates for an International Third Vice President and not for an International Second Vice President as is the practice now.

These amendments will bring our MD Constitution into line with the International Constitution.

Constitutional Note: To be enacted, this resolution will require a two thirds majority of those delegates present at Convention who exercise their right to vote.

There were no contributions from the floor. CC called for a card vote there was a substantial majority in favour, resolution carried.

43. Resolution 4
Proposed by DG Nigel Ware seconded by PDG Ian Thornhill on behalf of District C Cabinet.

Proposal to amend the By-Laws of the Multiple District Constitution concerning members access to the minutes of meetings of the Council of Governors.

This Convention resolves to Delete the wording of Article II Section 13 and replace with:
Council of Governors shall approve the draft minutes. The approved minutes shall be circulated via District Secretaries to all clubs for onward transmission to all members.

Explanatory notes:
The current Section 13 was written at a time when minutes would have to be copied and posted out to District Governors and any further dissemination would have incurred additional expenditure.

The original intention was that any member could view the minutes and a protocol had to initiated which would enable this whilst keeping costs and inconvenience to a minimum.
In these times of electronic mail circulation by the organisation, additional mailings incur no additional expense and by utilising pre-existing lines of communication with clubs, then the absolute minimum of extra administration is required.

Such circulation would enable every member to better understand the decisions being made on their behalf by their elected representatives, and help break down the illusion of ‘secrecy’ currently felt.

Circulation by email maintains a degree of confidentiality which is not afforded by publication on the web.

Constitutional Note: To be enacted, this resolution will require a two thirds majority of those delegates present at Convention who exercise their right to vote.

CC Called for contributions from the floor which came from Council Secretary, Susan Saunders Adur East SE, PDG Jim Ford M,

CC called for a card vote there was a substantial majority in favour, resolution carried.

44. Resolution 9
Proposed by PCC Philip Goodier Council Treasurer and seconded by DG Paul Stafford.
Per Capita Levy

This Convention Resolves that:

"The Multiple District Per Capita Levy for the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 shall be £28.50p per Lion, payable in two equal instalments, the first in August 2016 based on membership as at 30 June 2016 and the second in February 2017 based on membership as at 31 December 2016."

Explanatory notes:
Council considered, in very great detail, the budget proposals for the Lion’s year 2016-2017. Mindful of the potential changes that may occur over the next few years, Council have looked to reduce cost by comprehensively reviewing the structure and governance of the Multiple District. These changes will be phased in over the next few years and the intention is that, notwithstanding falling membership, members’ dues be maintained over the expected ‘change’ period at their current level.

Following the success of the Community Report the M & PR budget has been maintained to allow reserves to be generated to pay for production of the next edition in 2017. Council receive a quarterly financial analysis and the Council Treasurer undertakes quarterly meetings with Staff to review costs and expenditure, however, it should be noted that certain costs arise as a consequence of legislative requirement, Vat and Rates, for example.

The Budget is based on a membership of 14,900.
Cost Analysis attached. Appendix 4

Constitutional Note:
Section 1(a) – Annual Per Capita Levy
Every District shall pay into a Multiple District administrative fund a per capita levy, based on its membership taken as at 30 June and 31 December in every year. The Council of Governors shall table a resolution at every Multiple District Convention to set the per capita levy for the following fiscal year. Such resolution must be supported by a complete list of budgets for all Multiple District officers and committees, conventions, meetings and administrative functions. If such resolution shall fail then the per capita levy for the time being in force shall be continued until changed by resolution.
Section 2 – Collection of Per Capita Levy
Every District Treasurer shall collect such levy from Clubs in his District by two half-yearly payments, and shall pay the monies so collected to the Council Treasurer in August and February of every year.”

There were no contributions from the floor.

CC called for a card vote there was a substantial majority in favour, resolution carried.

45. CC thanked CNRO Lion Trevor Kell for his work in what had been a difficult first year as CNRO
46. SAA gave his final notices of the day and adjourned the Convention at 16.29.
47. The third session of Convention was called to order by SAA at 9.15 hrs.
Convention stood to welcome PID Phil Nathan and Lion Heidi, PID Howard Lee and Lion Claire, Chairman of Council Lion Simon and Lion Christine.
48. CC welcomed the Lions Family to the final session of the 65th Convention, but first he wished to correct an omission from the in memorium roll call in the opening session. Lion Lachlan Mackay 105NE, a short silence was observed.

49. CC then presented to Convention the 2015-2016 DG Team and partners He paid tribute to their work during the ten months to Convention reminding them they still had seven weeks to go. Convention were asked to show their appreciation for the work that Council had undertaken.

50. PID Phil Nathan then addressed Convention promoting attendance at Europa Forum to be held in Sofia October 27th – 30th.

51. PID Phil then reported to Convention on progress towards the Centennial Targets. He showed a brief video analysing how targets could be broken down to club level. He encouraged delegates to encourage their Clubs to report actions on MyLCI, then he introduced a project to educate the public about the dangers of Oral Cancer.

52. DG Chris Aked introduced Mr Baxter Smith a consultant urologist who had worked with a considerable number of Lions Clubs organising Screening events.

53. Mr Baxter Smith addressed Convention explain his work to educate and carry out widespread screenings. After the presentation PDG Patrick Hamblin gave a brief presentation on how a screening session is organised.

54. PID Howard Lee spoke to Convention on “What Lionism is all about” Several Lions explained why they joined Lion. PID Howard finished asking delegates to go back and ask the questions “What do you want from your Lions Club? Are you getting that? You have the power to change it. Do you have what you need to provide your community’s needs – from MD or District?

55. Young Ambassador Officer Glenys Sanders could not attend Convention PID Phil Nathan spoke to convention introducing the winner of the Young Ambassador competition 2015 and 2016. Orla Jackson 2015 winner addressed Convention on video, Gurlin Kaur 2016 winner spoke to Convention. PID Phil and PID Howard presented the winners bursary cheque to Gurlin. Before finishing PID Phil about the winner of the Shipshape award 2015 James and his fight, against poor health which had delayed his taking up the bursary. It was hoped he could address convention next year on his experience.

CC Simon and PID Phil thanked Glenys for all her hard work during the year.

56. MDHQ manager Brigitte Green announced the winner of the Peace poster competition Emily Lindsay sponsored by Balsall Common Lions Club. She had also been awarded one of only 23 Merit awards.

57. PCC Bryan Riley announced the winner of the Music Competition 2016 Emily Mowbray. Bryan expressed his disappointment that the competition was no longer to be supported as an MD Competition. Unfortunately, Emily was busy rehearsing and could not attend Convention.

58. DG Heather Jeavons was presented to Convention as Council Chairman Elect for 2016 - 2017.

59. The DGs for 2016-2017 were presented to Convention by SAA. Convention greeted the incoming Governors with their usual enthusiasm.

60. CCE Heather Jeavons then addressed the Convention, she promised Council 2016-2017 would work to implement the emergency resolution Convention passed on Saturday.
61. CC, PID Howard and PID Phil presented the trophies

Bert Mason Trophy Corrine Ashburner
The Travelling Lion Trophy winner Stoke Lions Club
Scrap Book Competition winner Bletchley Milton Keynes
Environmental Photo competition winner Lion Brian Winter Yeo Valley Lions Club

82. International Awards were then presented to the following Lions.

International President’s Certificates of Appreciation to
PCC Viresh Paul
Lion Brigitte Green
PDG John Kyte
Lion Linda Picton

International Leadership Medals were presented to
PDG Tom Berry
Lion Ian Gott
Lion Mandy Broadbent

International President’s Awards were presented to
Lion Chris Bryant
CC Simon Moss

83. PDG Paul Withers and Lion John Cattaway presented the host Committee to Convention. Following a presentation from Lion Tony Clarkson promoting Blackpool 2017 the convention flag was handed to the organisers.

84. CC called on DG Mike Bagnall to address Convention on how Lions had helped in flood relief in 105 BN. He thanked the clubs of MD 105 for their support, Whalley Lions Club less than one year from Charter were magnificent in their work with their community. A video prepared by the Club was shown to Convention. 1st VDG Elect 105 BN Roy Axten paid tribute to the personal commitment of DG Michael and Lion Dorothy.

85. Following some organisational announcements from SAA Convention closed at 13.15 hrs with the singing of You’ll Never Walk Alone.
Section A

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Report of Council Chairman
CC Heather Jeavons

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

I have served the Council of Governors and the Lions of MD 105 British Isles and Ireland to the best of my ability as Chairman of Council. This is our 100th Year of service as Lions Clubs, and it has been a real honour and privilege to hold office at such a time.

The Council of Governors, the MD Officers and the MDHQ Staff have been magnificent in their tireless and selfless work on behalf of us all. They have gone well above and beyond to do everything I have asked of them to ensure that all issues are properly addressed and all views properly, rationally and inclusively considered in whatever matter is before them.

This is the last year that District 105I, Ireland, will be with us at our MD Convention as part of MD105, as they leave us to become District 133, Ireland, from 4th July 2017. Following the vote of assent of MD Convention 2016, some very hard work went into the drafting of a proposal to The International Board for their meeting in October 2016 for Ireland to leave, and I would like to thank everyone involved for their excellent teamwork in delivering the document which was submitted and agreed.

I pledged from the time that I took office as Council Chairman that I would be personally accessible to every member and to every Club, and I can confirm that I have responded personally and as promptly as I can to everyone who has contacted me by letter, telephone or email, or via the MD Members Online Forum. The matters which have arisen are many and varied, and I have been pleased to step in to help with problems with information and advice where I could, or to discuss various points of view with everyone who has contacted me.

Some members will not agree with everything which I have said or done, or with every solution to the many issues which have been raised with me, but I hope that no one can say that I have not given myself 100% to the service of the members of the Multiple District.

We have faced many challenging issues this year including Redistricting, and the problems of legal compliance with the Charities Acts and Tax Law in many Clubs revealed by the survey of Club accounts prepared for the CIO review.

Redistricting has been a very big part of the work of Council 2016/17. Council has worked to the requirements of the Emergency Resolution passed by Convention 2016, to bring back to Convention 2017 a Resolution on the Redistricting of MD105 with effect from 1st July 2019. Council asked every member, through a questionnaire to their Clubs, what they looked for in a possible Redistricting, - or if they wanted Redistricting at all. A majority of respondents supported Redistricting MD105, and Council then followed the views of the majority of respondents and drew up proposals based on the results of the questionnaire, which went to members as a Consultation Proposal through their Districts.

There has been a great deal of work on the Redistricting Proposals, and nothing is being imposed on members by Council – Council is completely following the will of a majority of respondents. The Proposal for Ireland leaving was put to the International Board on the basis that it was part of a scheme of Redistricting the whole of MD105, such that no District would be left in transition.

The CIO review revealed a situation where 147 of our Clubs are in breach of the 2011 Charities Act by not having registered their activities with the Charities Commission. Some members have challenged the need for volunteers to comply with the law, but there is no choice but to do so. We have negotiated with the Charities Commission for a furlough until 1st January 2019.
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To enable non-compliant Clubs to regularise their position. There will be some very hard work needed between now and then to achieve this, but it must and will be done.

This year has also seen an excellent relationship with the Lioness Clubs, who have worked with their sponsoring Lions Clubs to achieve service in the community. I am delighted that we have 37 new Lions who hold joint membership as Lions and Lionesses and I hope that they continue to flourish as Lions.

It has also been wonderful to welcome the formation of new Lions Clubs in several Districts, but it has also been a sorrow to see other Clubs closing down as members no longer feel able because of the age and health of members to provide the levels of service which they have previously achieved. We need new members to join us and to consider how we can change how we organise ourselves so as to be attractive to a generation of future members who are attuned to a more flexible model of membership than has traditionally been offered.

We will celebrate our Centennial with many events but one of the most rewarding will be the support of Special Olympics GB at the games in Sheffield this August.
I have also had the immense privilege of representing the Lions of MD 105 at meetings on various subjects in the Houses of Parliament, and meeting with our Royal Patron, HRH The Countess of Wessex to present the monies raised by members to support her cycle ride for The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Scheme. She is a proud and committed Lion, and takes a real interest in the activities of Lions Clubs to serve their community.

One of the most enjoyable visits which I have undertaken on your behalf was to the Blind Veterans Centre in Llandudno, where we have helped to finance new accommodation for families attending courses with the veterans. This was totally inspiring and really showed what offering Lions support can achieve.

I have been honoured to serve the MD as Chairman of the Council of Governors, and will continue to do so with pride and diligence for the rest of this year.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

To support the Council of 2016/17 for the remainder of this year, and to support Council Chairman Elect Balvinder and the incoming Council of Governors 2017/18 and the members of MD105 to the best of my ability.

Whatever the decisions of Convention 2017 may be on the question of Redistricting MD105, I will do whatever is asked of me to ensure that the future for all of us is thoughtfully and amicably resolved, and a firmly anchored and well supported platform established on which to maintain and grow our service.

Report of Constitutions Nominations and Resolutions Officer  
Lion Trevor Kell

There are 17 Resolutions to be debated at Convention. 14 of these resolutions come from Council, two from Districts and one from a Club seconded by another Club.

Nine of those resolutions coming from the Council of Governors are relating to amendments to our MD Constitution. These nine are as a result of the dispute resolution from last year and the MD Constitution Committee was tasked with looking at the Constitution with a view to eliminating any ambiguities. Council intention is to take as many of these nine resolutions ‘en bloc’ as possible to save the time of Convention for debate on other matters.
However, as was reported in the documentation accompanying the circulation of the resolutions, should any delegate wish to debate any of these resolutions independently, they are requested to inform the Council Chair or the MD CNRO in advance. The Council chair will offer this opportunity again immediately before the debate and any delegate wishing to do so and who has not previously informed the Council Chair or the MD CNRO will need to make it known to Convention at that time.

At the time of writing this report I am aware that one of these resolutions (Resolution 8) has been removed from the bloc for independent debate. Any other resolutions thus notified as requiring independent debate will also be removed from the bloc and the remainder dealt with ‘en bloc’. This is I understand, a practice used by the International Board to facilitate the large number of decisions they are asked to make, so has a good precedence.

Following on from last year when a large number of resolutions were rejected on procedural grounds, I am happy to report that this year, the advice notes having been circulated with the request for resolutions, only one resolution and one amendment submitted have been rejected on procedural or constitutional grounds.

I was contacted by several Clubs and Districts seeking advice on resolutions and amendments well in advance of the published deadlines which enabled those resolutions to be accepted.

Obviously, I would have been happier to be able to report that none had been rejected, but it is a great improvement and I thank all the Clubs and Districts submitting resolutions for their help and cooperation in this.

As Supervising Officer for the election to the position of International Director, I have dealt with a small number of complaints. One such complaint was referred to an Appeal Panel and I would like to record my thanks to that panel for the work they undertook on that matter.

Delegate Registration for the MD Convention will be at the Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool. Registration opening times I am informed are as follows:

- **Friday 21st April**: 1300hrs to 1800 hrs
- **Saturday 22nd April**: 0730hrs to 1100 hrs

### Report of Patron Liaison Officer
#### PCC Lion David Firth

I have worked with our Patrons Office regarding the two articles and photographs published in the Lions Magazine regarding the Diamond Cycle Challenge. I must thank all Lions and their Clubs for the very generous donations of £27,300 for the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award which was the recipient of HRH cycle ride. Council Chairman Heather along with Past International Director Phil was invited to Bagshot Park, where the cheque was presented.

It was also an opportunity to bring our Patron up to speed regarding the Centennial Celebrations and projects within our Multiple District.

Unfortunately we were not successful in our application for a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, but I am now working with our Patrons Office on a Royal Reception to celebrate our Centennial.

Congratulation letters and Certificate of Appreciation Certificates signed by our Patron, were sent to Lions and Clubs celebrating their 50th/60th Anniversaries.

As always keeping our Patron’s Office informed of Lions projects and activities held within our Multiple District.
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Report of Sergeant-at-Arms
SAA Dave Seager

My thanks to the Council of Governors for the faith they have placed in me as their Sergeant at Arms this year and for reappointing me to office for a second year.

The Council weekends have been interesting, challenging… and long and the expanded role of minute taking at the meetings has certainly tested my concentration levels. It has however been my pleasure to do this and to have made the appropriate arrangements to ensure that the weekends are as pleasant, enjoyable and comfortable as possible for your Council.

All events have been held again at the St John’s, Solihull, to whom we are contracted to June 2018, and to whom continue to be a pleasure to work with and provide their facilities at reasonable prices in a central location to the UK.

I have supported the MD Convention officer and Host committee for Blackpool 2017 whenever asked and able and look forward to a good weekend of fun and fellowship and sincerely hope that we can have a convention conducted in a true and proper lionistic manner, constructively debating and voting on the resolutions that are being covered, without the animosity that I sadly observed in Eastbourne. We are all Lions because we care.

Finally, I must place on record my appreciation to Brigitte and our team at MDHQ who work tirelessly for this Multiple District and who have always been there to support requests from myself no matter how mad or ridiculous they might have seemed.

Report of Convention Officer
Lion Paul Withers

This last year since the MD Convention in Eastbourne has been very challenging.

I could not believe the number of Lions who take more notice of old comments on “tripadvisor” than they do of your Lions MD Conventions Officer.

I hope you read this before convention starts because at the time of writing - THERE IS STILL TIME TO BOOK YOUR STAY AT THE NORBRECK CASTLE HOTEL AND MORE IMPORTANTLY COME TO THE BANQUET AND BALL.

Of course the AGM will have some very important debates as well as the opportunity to elect a candidate to become our next International Director.

As I advised last year, having spoken to local Lions Clubs, I settled for the Norbreck Hotel in Blackpool to save the MD money as I was tasked to do by a previous Council of Governors. After initial personal visits by SAA David Seager, MD Treasurer Philip Goodier and BN’s DG Mike Bagnall and Lion Dorothy, I followed up with an overnight stay together with SE’s VDG (now DG) Rod Weale. I made a strong recommendation to the Council to use the Norbreck only to be told there were too many negative comments on “Trip Advisor”.

However I did not give up and sent several quality photographs showing how the hotel is being refurbished and together with the support of PCC Simon and the eloquence of then DGE Rod who addressed the Council, the Norbreck had been chosen as our venue for 2017 and subsequently verified by this year’s Council chaired by Heather.

I have now stayed there 4 times and have been comfortable overnight with clean bathrooms in different refurbished rooms each time. I also enjoyed good evening meals and breakfasts with
Lots of choice. All this at no cost to you and the MD as the Hotel were very generous. So I can now confirm that the refurbishment programme is well underway.

I acknowledge that the Host Committee had a few challenges too as it was perceived that the Norbreck management would only talk to me and not directly to them even though I had made it clear that the local host committee should deal with the hotel on our behalf. Nevertheless all those previous issues have been resolved and the Host committee are also confident and optimistic and I thank them for their indulgence.

I am sure WE SHALL HAVE A GREAT CONVENTION, but let us hope we do not have any unruly behaviour from a few disgruntled Lions who were vociferous in Eastbourne.

I have negotiated very good rates and the hotel itself will be providing us with entertainment for the Friday night so we shall effectively have a Host Night after all.

I hope you will all support our centenary MD Convention in Blackpool from Friday 21st April to Sunday 23rd April. It is earlier than usual due to the availability of Chancellor Lion Bob Corlew, the International President. If you have any trouble completing an online booking form please ring MDHQ who will be happy to help you.

Let us show our International President that we in MD105 know how to enjoy ourselves and support the banquet and ball.

Why not have a longer stay and for the 2nd year running enjoy the delights of an English seaside town? The Host Committee, chaired by PDG Tony Clarkson, promises to make it a convention that befits our centenary year.

Turning now to the future; next year the 2018 MD Convention will be in the Hampshire Court Hotel near Basingstoke. For 2019 I am looking at Gateshead and Swansea and will let you all know where we decide as soon as possible.

Now the 2018 convention will be from 4th May to 6th May which is still within our Centennial period and the Host Committee, led by PDG Mike Hendy, is also planning a special weekend for us all.

**Report of Centennial Officer**

 PID Phil Nathan

MD105 Centennial Programme
Something for everyone and we already do most of it already

**BIG Targets**

Easy to achieve: If we ALL play our part

*Will You?*

**FANTASTIC!!**

That is the only word I can use to describe the way Clubs are responding to our MD Centennial Programme.

Yes, it is a big programme!

Yes, it provides opportunities for every Club to be involved and, increasingly, they are!
The 2017 Centennial Year is here and we would like to thank you all for your commitment to the celebrations of our 100 years of service.

I have been really impressed by the extraordinary activities taking part in those Districts that have reported and am confident that the success of our service challenges, our legacy projects and the development of our membership will be long remembered.

1. **Team Work**

It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to work with individuals who are positive and enthusiastic about the opportunities the Centennial Programme provides and it is evident from the reports submitted that they are working hard to drive the programme in their respective Districts.

The biggest disappointment to date is the lack of Sponsorship, this has really tied the committee’s hands but as Council will be aware we are attempting to now seek from sources independently.

2. **MyLCI**

LCI are now providing useable data on request. The full year period from 1st July 2015 to 30th June 2016 ‘Centennial’ data, where identifiable, was circulated. Data for the period 1.7.16 – 28.2.17 has been extracted and circulated to all District Officers and project leads. District data has also been extracted and circulated: District Officers will be pleased to share the information.

It is acknowledged that not all clubs have entered data and those Clubs that do enter data may not identify it as ‘Centennial’, however, this is the data we have to work with!

Unfortunately, Clubs enter data in different ways, so, it is necessary to carefully review entries. I record specific thanks to PCC Goodier for his meticulous analysing of these figures.

As at 28.2.17, 295 out of 769 Clubs in the MD had not reported activities during 2016-17 using MyLCI – 38.4%, though this number is slowly reducing. I encourage Clubs to record and report so that more data is available with more stories about the communities we support.

3. **Targets**

Several of our Centennial Challenges have already been met and a further two are close to being achieved – and we still have 16 months of the programme to go!

**WE ARE A LONG WAY AHEAD OF WHERE WE THOUGHT WE WOULD BE AT THIS TIME!**

More and more Clubs participated in the Centenary Programme as Our Centenary Year drew nearer and now that we are ‘in’ the Centenary Year we anticipate that more will.

The MD Centennial Committee, District Officers and Project Coordinators are working hard and all are extremely positive: it is a pleasure to work with them.

**WE ARE ACHIEVING WHAT WE SET OUT TO DO!**

The softly, softly approach, building to a major push in 2017 seems to have been effective.

4. **Projects – Updates**
**Batteries:** experiencing increasing contacts and activity including one Club who had collected car batteries with a total weight of 153kg, this equates to 6,120 AA batteries (the base measure)!

**Blood Donations:** there has been an increase in involvement in this Challenge, momentum is beginning to grow.

**Contact the Elderly:** reports suggest that Clubs in all Districts are involved. Some of the activities reported are very much 1-2-1 and hands on. We are confident that this Challenge will be met.

**Diabetes:** the International Board, at their October 2016 Meeting approved diabetes as the fifth service campaign area to be added to the Centennial Service Challenge effective during the final year of the centennial from July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018. We are ahead of this particular element by virtue of including diabetic screening and walks within the MD programme.

Lion Chris Hibbert, 105EA, has volunteered to be the lead for this area of the programme.

**Feed the Hungry:** another project that has generated tremendous impetus and the Challenge has been accomplished.

During the late summer of 2016, Clubs in EA became involved in ‘Gleaning’. The District was contacted to provide a party of Gleaners to get on to fields that had already been harvested but where there were still perfectly good crops of broccoli, courgettes, cauliflower etc., left behind. All they had to do was gather the best of the remaining crops into plastic crates. For close on 6 hours, the crops were collected, then taken to Farm storage overnight and transported to organisation’s dealing with food supplies for the Homeless. In just one day, some 1.5 metric tonnes of usable food was ‘gleaned’ to feed many thousands! Other requests have been made to help harvest onions and potatoes and the tonnage of food gathered meant many thousands of food portions were achieved.

**Flower Planting:** Blaby Lions Club, sowed 3.5 million wildflower seeds along Whistle Way, a public footpath running between Narborough and Enderby in Leicestershire.

**Hearing Aids:** the target has already been exceeded, as at 28.2.17, the total number donated was 42,735 against a target of 10,000.

**Hearing Dogs:** momentum is growing and all Districts seem to be participating and contacting the Hearing Dog organisation. A number of presentations were given at Conventions, with the accompanying dog. 105I has specifically chosen to support Guide Dogs for the Blind with a target set to raise Euros 150,000

**LEHP:** information on this project is being updated, at no cost to the Multiple District.

**Measles Vaccination:** the global target is $30M, with Lions, Gates Foundation and GAVI contributing. The deadline for raising the target sum is December 2017 giving Lions approximately 12 months to reach that goal. PCC Geoff Leeder has made the LCIF district coordinators aware of this priority.

At the end of June 2016 we had raised £53,978.19 (at that time approx. US$ 82,000); as at 31.12.16 the total had risen to £55,815. The MD target is £100,000 by 30.6.2018

**MIAB:** sales of 534,000 bottles to 31.12.16 from 1.9.2014. Noted that other organisations seem to be promoting their own bottle supply.

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**Prostate Screening:** We are aware of several Clubs undertaking regular screenings but not always reporting, however, in excess of 20,000 screenings have been recorded.

**Spectacles:** an exceptional level of response has been recorded by Clubs, and this target has now been comfortably exceeded.

**Swimming:** another popular event with quite a few Clubs.

**Trees:** another Challenge that is beginning to generate momentum. The final quarter of the year is traditionally 'planting time' and we hope that Clubs will take the opportunity to plant trees for the betterment of their community.

**YLIS volunteer hours:** as at 28.2.17, 21 months after the ‘Launch’ of the programme at the 2015 MD Convention the total number donated is **102,040** against a 30 month target of **100,000**.

5. One of the major challenges involved in leading a long-term, high profile, project such as this is to maintain an even pace in the early stages to avoid the possibility of burn out and information overload. I am comfortable that we are on track in this regard.

6. *www.lions100.co*

The MD Centennial website is live and will be added to as information is provided. We appreciate the support given by the Members of the MD M and PR Committee and thank them for the work they have put in.

Our problem with the Centennial site is that the M and PR team are not receiving information from clubs. Lion Mandy has asked for all District Newsletters to be sent to her and to keep her on the mailing lists. The information request is placed in the Newsfeed each month and requests have been made of District Officers and District PR Officers but nothing has been forthcoming sadly, as yet. Fellow Lions, the remedy is in your hands.

7. **Publicity:** the M and PR Team have developed a strategy and we will be working to this over the Centennial period. This includes concepts such as 100 Lions, 100 stories. There are four main strands to the strategy:

   Fundraising: 100 ways in which Lions generate monies;
   Service: 100 ways Lions undertake service activities (to be identified as Good Deeds for public recognition);
   People: stories about the individuals or community groups helped;
   Activities: 100 examples of activities planned for 2017;

I would encourage Clubs to record and report so that more data is available with more stories in support.

This is the best opportunity we have had for many years to tell the world who we are and what we do.

Please also see and use the You Tube clip developed by CC Simon Moss: [http://youtu.be/y-g9f-aQi_Y](http://youtu.be/y-g9f-aQi_Y)

8. **Stamps and First Day Covers**

   **Ireland:** consent has been received from the appropriate authorities and the stamp is now fully approved.
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It is priced at €1.10 which is the price for an international letter from Ireland.

The issue date is believed to be around Summer time but there are talks of a postage increase and whether they change the value on the stamp or issue it immediately and let it run until the price rise is not yet known.

Jersey: Jersey Post have sent us copies of the proposed designs that were sent in late December to HM, The Queen, for approval - this process will take approximately 6 weeks. We’ve asked if the Lions Clubs logo and the Centennial logo could be placed on the packaging and first day covers information sheet and await a response.

As long as the designs are approved by HM, The Queen we are looking at an issue date of the 7th June 2017: that would be wonderful timing before the start of the Lionistic year and official 100th anniversary.

We’ve tentatively spoken to Jersey Post about the possibility of Lions Clubs MDHQ selling the sets: this is not thought to be a problem though further discussion is required.

The Centennial Committee have commissioned a Commemorative First Day Cover to mark the occasion of the Centenary of LCI.

Sets of ‘Smilers’ have been designed that are Royal Mail approved and incorporate the Centennial Logo; sets are available through MDHQ.

I am pleased to acknowledge the hard work of the several Lions whose contribution has enabled us to reach this satisfying position.

9. MJF/BMHA

From 1st July, donations for Contributing Member Pins (CMP), are included in the Status of Instalments tally towards MJFs.

Also for CMP donations (US$ 20, US$ 50 and US$100 minimum), it will be possible to specify that the donation goes to any of the four core areas (Disaster Relief, Humanitarian Causes [eg Measles, Hearing], Sighted or Youth [eg Lions Quest]). Alternately, a donation to Area of Greatest Need (AOGN) will permit use of the donation for any of the areas.

At the current rate of presentation the target will be achieved. Club ‘credits’ can be used to purchase MJFs for non-Lions but, not for ‘corporate’ bodies.

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The Status of Instalments Account from LCIF for November 2016 shows the following credits for each district:

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The total credit across all the districts is in excess of US$3 million.

Fellow Lions: why not use these credits to award MJF to local figure heads to promote Lionism in your communities?

Recognitions via BMHA remain at quite low levels and Clubs are asked to promote this recognition.

10. On Sunday, 23rd April 2017, please watch out for 10 specific runners in the Virgin London Marathon. They will be running on behalf of the Lions International Centenary and raising money for the Blind Veterans facility at Llandudno.

The runners have the unique opportunity of participating in one of the World Marathon Majors (the others being Tokyo, Boston, Berlin, Chicago and New York). This is the largest annual one-day fundraising event worldwide, so is a real chance to raise the profile of Lions Clubs and to benefit a very worthy cause.

The 10 Golden Bond places have been made available by Chester Lions Club, the only Lions Club in the United Kingdom to have these Golden Bond places, and they have raised £300,000 for local charities over the past 18 years.

Each of the runners will wear the very distinctive Lions Centennial team vest as modelled by Lion Ian Turner from the Llandudno Lions Club (Lions District BS), one of the participating runners for ‘Team Lions’.

The other ‘Team Lions’ runners are:

- **Helen Belkhodja** (Lions District SE)
- **Jamie Bradbury** (Lions District BS)
- **Martin Booth** (Lions District BN)
- **Lion Ayn Chatoo** (Kingsbury Lions Club – Lions District A)
- **Lion Laura Meston** (Louth Lions Club – Lions District E)
- **Alison Molton** (Lions District BN)
- **Scott O’Brien** (Lions District SE)
- **Lee Speight** (Lions District C)
- **Lion Tony Sykes** (Tetbury Lions Club – Lions District W)

We wish all the runners well on the day and are particularly grateful to them for all the hard work they have put in both to training and fundraising.
SUPPORTERS

Spectators supporting the ‘Team Lions’ will wear tabards/bibs of a similar design to the running vests to be clearly visible to both the runners (for encouragement) and the spectators, thus raising the profile of Lions International and the Centennial.

BENEFICIARY

The ultimate beneficiary of the money raised by the runners will be Blind Veterans UK, Llandudno. The money raised will be used to expand the rehabilitation facilities for sight impaired and limbless ex-service men and women. The state-of-the-art facilities will provide essential services to improve the quality of their lives and when completed, will be used to deliver the ‘Lifeskills for Independent Living Project’, which comprises a tailored programme of counselling and training within the purpose-built accommodation for those younger veterans needing this vital support.

What next? Three significant events:

11. Sounds of a Century: 100 Years of Music Friday 24 and Saturday 25 November 2017


Red carpet reception, ropes and poles and flame lights
Room decorated with twinkling star cloths

Minimum number is 350 per night.
Costing and further discussion to determine one or two night event.
Liaise with major local companies re sponsorship, taking tables etc.,

Final celebratory event of the Centennial Year, 2017.

We have worked with music industry insiders to develop a programme that will celebrate 100 Years of Music. Tickets, flyers are being designed.

New Dock’s unique and versatile facilities are perfectly complemented by Clarence Dock and its surroundings. There are over 800 hotel beds within a 5 minute walk (including 130 beds in the Express By Holiday Inn next door), and a secure 24 hour manned multi storey car park for 1,650 cars.

12. SOGB – Family Hosting

Special Olympics GB National Summer Games
Sheffield, Monday 7th August until Friday 11th August 2017.
Lions are honoured to be able to unite and link our cornerstone ethos “WE SERVE” in support of this wonderful occasion that takes place during our Centennial year.

The Quadrennial Games are to be held in Sheffield in August 2017, families hosting is agreed as the flagship service opportunity for the Centenary Year. Council, in October 2016, guaranteed that they would ensure that the £25,000 required was raised by June 2017; 5,500 families expected to attend/participate.

£15,660 had been forwarded to the Charities Treasurer by 28.2.17 – only a further £9,340 is required to fulfil the pledge.
Lion Margaret Riley and the MD Officer Lion Simon Smith are actively planning our involvement and excellent progress has been made.

Volunteers will be required to support the event and Margaret and Simon will be delighted to hear from Lions wishing to offer their services between Monday 7th August and Friday 11th August 2017.

13. Legacy Project: Centennial Bell

We are working with the National Arboretum to install a ‘Bell’ adjacent to the Lions’ Shelter and I am pleased to thank PDG Joan Elliot for her specialist advice and guidance in liaising with a bell manufacturer on our behalf.

Our ‘Bell’ was ‘cast’ on the 22nd February, in Loughborough, and is now cooling slowly prior to being ‘tuned’ and inscribed, a process that will take 4 to 5 months.

Why a ‘Bell’?

The late Past President Bert Mason had, as his Presidential theme and symbol a ‘bell’ with the caption ‘Answer the Call to Serve’.

Past President Bert was inaugurated as International President in San Francisco, 1984, and in his opening speech he explained the thinking behind his symbol. He quoted from the ‘Meditation’ by John Donne that has, as its message:

No man is an island,
Entire of itself,
Every man is a piece of the continent,
A part of the main.
If a clod be washed away by the sea,
Europe is the less.
As well as if a promontory were.
As well as if a manor of thy friend’s
Or of thine own were:
Any man’s death diminishes me,
Because I am involved in mankind,
And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls;
It tolls for thee.

Past President Bert said that Donne was telling us that our responsibility extends beyond simply ourselves. Bert took the bell as a symbol of our [Lions’] responsibility to provide service to those in need. When, as International President, he addressed the 1985 MD Convention in Bournemouth he said that ‘wherever we see the bell, whenever we hear it tolling, we must be prepared to ‘Answer the Call to Serve’.

In placing a ‘Bell’ at the Arboretum not only are we recognising our Centennial, we are honouring the memory of a great humanitarian as well as an outstanding International President and reminding ourselves that whenever we hear the bell we must be prepared to ‘Answer the Call to Serve’ our fellow man.

Head and Neck Cancer

Two outstanding short videos are now complete and will be shown/made available shortly, enabling us to be part of another great Lions Health Awareness project.
Summary

We are now 20 months into a 36 month programme. Thanks to the hard work and commitment of District Officers in working with, motivating and encouraging Clubs, a phenomenal amount has already been achieved, there are minimal disappointments with the list of challenges but I hope on the home run we will get there.

Clubs are responding in increasing numbers and with more enthusiasm and we are well on the way to achieving the targets we set and, more importantly, serving the needs of each community.

Updated target information will be available in Blackpool. Based on the data that is currently available, progress is very good and accelerating.

The continued support of all Clubs and Lions is critical to this success.

Thank you to the Management team that have been so supportive to me, Andy Pemberton, Philip Goodier, Linda Picton, Geoff Leeder, David Firth and the PR/Marketing team and not forgetting Brigitte Green.

I am pleased to recognise all of the District Officers and their deputies but especially those that have taken specific responsibilities for the Centennial programme challenges.

### Activity Leads

- **Batteries Recycling**: Ron Cross
- **Blood Donations**: Phil Robinson
- **Calls to the Elderly (Contact with)**: TBA
- **Clear a Path**: Margaret Riley
- **Diabetic Screening**: Brenda Wood
- **Diabetes Walk**: Geoff Leeder and Chris Hibbert
- **Feed the Hungry**: Elaine Kitchen
- **Flower/Bulb Planting**: Judith Goodchild
- **Hearing Aid Recycling**: MD Officer Penny Tregillus
- **Hearing Dogs**: Shirley Vaughan
- **LEHP**: Brenda Wood
- **MIAB**: Roy Chambers
- **Prostate Screening**: Patrick Hamblin/John Mack
- **Spectacles Collection/Recycling**: Julia and Bill O'Neill
- **Swimming Challenge**: TBA
- **Trees**: Martin Morgan
- **Vaccinations Ebola and Measles**: Geoff Leeder (MD LCIF Chair)
- **YLIS. MD Officer**: MD Officer Sally Marsh/Graham Venables
- **Marathons (London and Great North Run)**: Elaine Kitchen
- **Special Olympics Families Hosting**: Margaret Riley
- **MJs – recognising the Community**: Geoff Leeder (MD LCIF Chair)
- **Stamp/First Day Cover/Envelope**: Roger Handcock
- **Commemorative Postage Stamps (Channel Islands)**: Roger Handcock
- **Commemorative Postage Stamps (Republic of Ireland)**: Marion Conneely
- **100 Years of Music**: David Firth and committee
- **Blind Veterans (St Dunstan's) UK**: Centenary Link – Evan Jones

Responsibility for all of the challenges in 105I John O'Donovan
Section B

Council Treasurer Portfolio
Report of Council Treasurer
PCC Philip Goodier

I would like to thank the Council of Governors for again giving me the opportunity to serve the Multiple District.

This Report does not deal with any Charity monies, which are covered within the Charities Treasurer's Report.

1. Current Situation
My previous reports to Convention have concentrated on the impact that the financial crash has had on world economies and markets and it is not possible to ignore wider factors in presenting this report.

Whilst Governments and other representative bodies are making encouraging noises about a growing and strengthening economy there is no evidence to support this across the whole of the MD.

The 1st July 2017 sees the most significant change to affect the Multiple District in over 30 years: the separation of District 105I to become District 133.

It is against this background that financial decisions have to be made and every consideration is given to reducing costs and maximising income.

A great deal of work has been undertaken this year in providing financial information and projecting budgets forward at the request of Council in relation to the change arising from the separation of 105I and the impact of the Re-Districting proposals.

Council of Governors is not planning any major capital spending; the MD Headquarters was modernised and extended to make it DDA compliant a few years ago. There should be no requirement to undertake major works in the medium term - we will of course have ongoing repairs and renewals, simply to safeguard the fabric of the building.

2. Liquidity:
The MD is a cash rich organization well capable of meeting all day to day obligations from cash flow: as at the date of compiling this report the Association has the following liquid funds:

GBP Bank Accounts, details of the account holding institutions are given in the accounts - £123,158.
Euro bank accounts - €35,348 (at an xr 1.175, the official LCI exchange rate for March 2017 = £30,083) Total instant access funds £153,241.

It should be noted that financial movements are managed so as to minimize the risk of balances with any one institution exceeding £85,000, the maximum covered under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Similarly, the Irish Deposit Guarantee Scheme covers deposits up to €100,000 in any one institution.

In addition, investments with a book value of £146,406 are held: these are instant access, not term investments.

This gives total liquidity of £299,647 as at the date of preparation.

3. General Account
The Review of the 2015-16 out-turn is contained within the Convention papers, on page 8 of the audited accounts for the year ended 30 June 2016. The comparison of Budget to Actual expenditure for year to 30th June 2015, is contained in the Budget Proposals for 2017/18.
4. MD Convention
At one time we held the MD Convention in a seaside resort, on the basis that we would receive what is termed ‘subvention’ from the local authority, who usually owned and managed the venue.

Subvention is the principal that our collective spend in a locality is worth the offset provided to attract our business. Increasingly, local authorities are handing over the management of venues to third party companies and subvention is a thing of the past.

For example, we held the 2009 Convention at the Floral Hall, Southport and received subvention to offset the theatre hire, £5,850. Post recession, when an approach was made to Sefton MBC, we were advised that there would be no subvention and that the hire rate would be £5,000 per day.

The MD Convention Officer increasingly looks to large hotels as venues; such hotels, off-peak, are prepared to do deals whereby room hire costs are waived if we book a set number of room nights – the Metropole Hotel, Birmingham (2012) and (2015) and the Palace Hotel, Manchester (2014) are examples of this arrangement.

Unfortunately, predicting demand and attendance a few years in advance of the event has become very difficult and losses have been incurred on social events in recent years such that there is now no social reserve fund.

5. MD Finance Committee
The Finance Committee met on Friday 6th January to review the financial position of the Multiple District, to discuss the Budget submissions and to make recommendations to Council for the 2017-2018 financial year on a range of issues. It should be noted that some expenditure has the weight of either the Constitution or Convention Resolution behind it and is mandatory, not discretionary.

The Finance Committee noted, with concern, that membership levels across the Multiple District fell by over 200 in the period from July – December 2016. In cash terms this represents a loss of over £5,700 in members dues.

I would like to thank all members of the Committee and the MD Specialist Officers for their invaluable contribution, as and when requested, and especially, their attendance and guidance in the very complex budgeting process.

6. Self Insurance Fund
There is £100,000 in the Self Insurance Provision as at the 30th June 2016 as recorded in the accounts. No adjustments, if any, will be made to the Provision until after the close of the current accounting period, 30th June 2017, and the value of the Provision will be shown in the accounts as at that date.

No separate, specific, bank account exists for the Provision.

In 2011 Council accepted a recommendation that we invest ‘surplus’ cash, that is, cash not immediately required to meet day to day business commitments. In 2012 a further sum was invested. As will be seen from the accounts we have £146k invested in various stocks.

Cash deposits generate very low levels of interest and have done for several years now (since the financial crisis in late 2008). We might get 0.7% gross (variable rate) on £100,000, whereas the investments are generating approx. 4% net: this income goes towards reducing member’s dues.

By careful management of cash flow, I am able to pay the Multiple District's financial obligations as they fall due from the income that is generated from all sources, member’s dues, investment income, rental income etc., Please see the paragraph on ‘Liquidity’ above.
As a matter of good practice I am able to maintain bank balances at as low a level as I consider prudent, my assessment takes into account the value of creditors, debtors, other assets, all provisions and reserves. As at 30th June 2016 only £88k was held in the various bank accounts, as shown in the accounts, however total liquidity exceeded £200k.

It would not be good business practice in the current financial climate to maintain significant cash balances given that the return is so poor and members would be adversely affected.

7. **Budget for 2017/18**

As Council Treasurer I am aware that there is a demand from members that Council drive down costs and to that end, and with the support of the Council Chairman and Council Secretary, activity analysis is undertaken at our MDHQ. The analysis is undertaken by our Staff so that we can better understand what work is undertaken and the impact that it has.

As a consequence of that work the decision was taken to reduce the number of hours required and a member of staff was made redundant in July 2013; it is not considered that any further reductions can be made given current demands and workload.

I prepare a quarterly financial forecast for Council, which is presented at each Council meeting, so that Council are aware of expenditure levels as they change during the year and are informed as to the financial impact their decisions have.

Our MDHQ staff have been very active in seeking competitive quotes for a wide range of products and services; I commend the work put in by Brigitte Green who has been proactive in seeking to reduce expenditure across the board.

Certain costs are being borne by MDHQ as a consequence of work being transferred ‘in’ from MD Officers due to the volume and time being taken.

For many years we enjoyed, as a Not For Profit Organisation, what is termed ‘Discretionary Rate Relief’. As a consequence of the financial pressures facing them, Birmingham City Council withdrew that relief with effect from the 1st April 2011. This has added in excess of £6,000 of cost to the organisation, this again is legislative, but provides no additional benefit.

Although an appeal was lodged against the withdrawal, it was refused on the basis that we are an organisation ‘well able to absorb such a cost increase’.

The increase in VAT to 20% in January 2011 costs the MD around £7,500 in a full year. It is considered there is no advantage to register for VAT.

To reduce costs associated with mailings, a resolution was approved at Convention 2011 and MDHQ now distribute information by electronic means.

The Finance Committee discussed the overall budget proposals and the outcomes are incorporated in the “Cost Analysis For Dues Resolution” that accompanies this Report.

- Historically, MDHQ have absorbed costs rather than apportioning costs to relevant budget heads. Where possible, MDHQ costs are allocated to the Portfolios they undertake work for – based on the results arising from the Activity Analysis.
- From September 2004 part of the property at MDHQ was let to a Solicitor; the tenant surrendered the lease in January 2014. Full year income has therefore declined by £9,600. There is a glut of property ‘to let’ in King’s Heath and market rates have fallen significantly; securing a replacement tenant has not proved possible, as at the time of writing this report, and will inevitably be at a substantially lower rental than we achieved in 2004.
- MDHQ salaries are in line with market rates for the Birmingham area.
• All MD Officer budgets reflect two meetings per year, additional meetings are permitted on submission of a business case to Council detailing the justification.

• Mindful of the potential changes that may occur over the next few years, Council have looked to reduce cost by comprehensively reviewing the structure and governance of the Multiple District. These changes will be phased in over the next few years and the intention is that, notwithstanding falling membership, members’ dues be maintained over the expected ‘change’ period at their current level.

• Following the success of the Community Report the M & PR budget has been maintained to allow reserves to be generated to pay for production of the 2017 edition.

• The Budget is based on a projected membership of 12,350 following the separation of D133 Ireland.

Districts received, via MD105, MBNA Royalties earned during 2015-16, allocated on Postcode basis, and the same will apply in 2015-16. This will be the final year for such royalty payments as MBNA have given notice of termination of the scheme.

8. Advice to Clubs

8.1 Insurance 2017/18 – charging a proportion to charity/welfare accounts (subject to individual club meeting approval) Given the current economic conditions, Council strongly suggest that Clubs do accept these recommendations.

- Liability cover (out of MD Dues) £ 2.60 per head per year
- Equipment and cash (50%) £16.60 per club per year
- Legal Expenses (out of £11.00 per club) £ 9.25 per club per year

8.2 Routing of Donations – unless Council very specifically decree otherwise in any special case, ALL* donations for MD and International projects should be sent to your District Treasurer, by cheque payable to your District and endorsed on the back with the project name.

*The only exception made is for payments in respect of Melvin Jones Fellowships and LCIF Contributing Memberships, which may go direct to LCIF Donation & Recognition Co-ordinator for MD105, to avoid exchange rate issues and delays in receiving the MJF Plaques.

8.3 Payment of International Dues and Club Accounts - to avoid exchange rate differences, Clubs should ensure their funds are with their District Treasurer by 20th of the month – i.e. pay the 30 April statement by 20 May.

I would ask that, within the spirit of the Object and Ethics of your Association, that all Dues and other Accounts are paid by the due dates. District Treasurer’s are having to spend much valuable time chasing overdue money, which detracts from the service that they wish to give, as Lions, through their own clubs.

Dues are payable by Clubs in full by 21st July and 21st January.

Any queries regarding club accounts at Oak Brook should be taken up with your District Treasurer in the first instance.

9. Convention Reports quotation of Budgets for 2017/18

The full schedule of budgets is set out in the attachment to the Dues Resolution.
Finally, I would point out that, for every 250 extra members that we get, we collect £7,125.00 more, however, the general trend is a falling membership. If we can reverse the trend and grow our membership than the resulting cost burden on each member will reduce.

10. Message in a Bottle (MIAB)

The following table summarises the financial position over the past three financial years:

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In 2014 a ‘one-stop’ contract commenced between MD105 and the National Offender Management Service (NOMS) whereby bottles are manufactured and packed at HMP Garth.

Each pallet contains 2,880 bottles and the production cost is £0.16/bottle.

A single pallet costs £460.80 to which is added 20% VAT, £92.16: total cost - £552.96.

The sales price is £650.00 – a ‘margin’ of £97.04 over purchase price.

Transport is additional to the pallet price and is charged at cost.
“Where does the Money Go?”

**Message in a Bottle Project**
**Income and Expenditure Account Year Ending 30th June 2017**

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| Surplus/Deficit             | 4,096.19    |

- The simple answer to the question “Where...” is that it provides working capital to allow for the manufacture of 'stock' available for sales and to cover the cost of running the project.
- The production cost, £0.16, (£0.192 inc VAT) contains a provision whereby the cost of 'tooling' is repaid to NOMS across the total supply. The 'manufacturing requirement', negotiated by the MD Officer in 2012, is 75,000 per quarter to a total of 750,000 (300,000/annum). The charge equates to £80/1,000 bottles.
- Over the 8 months of the current financial year the number of bottles manufactured is 97,920; we are significantly behind the number of bottles required to be purchased under the contract.
- Given the nature of the 'business' it is recommended that a Ltd Company be formed to operate the MIAB project as a commercial enterprise.

Finally, it is the view of the Council of Governors that this project, as worthwhile as it is as a service activity, is a commercial operation and that it should cover the costs of operation, however, no contribution has been made to MDHQ to cover incurred costs for several years.

**10. Questions**
If anyone has any query or seeks any clarification of anything contained within this report or attachment, please do not hesitate to contact me, before the MD Convention, so that a detailed and complete response can be given.
The International Association of Lions Clubs
Multiple District 105 British Isles and Ireland
Convention Blackpool 2017

Report of Charities Treasurer
Lion Tom Berry

Charity Registrations

We have carried out a survey of Lions Clubs Charity accounts and have identified 147 raising over £5,000 per year that need to register with the Commission for the first time, with an estimated combined income of £2,339,109.

There is a legal obligation on your club to register as a charity if you exceed £5,000 income, in fact it is an offence if you fail to register.

One of the misconceptions that exists is that Charity Law begins at £5,000, that is just the registration point. Charity Law begins when you start raising money from the public to help you serve your community,

We have completed the discussions with the Charity commission and our pilot registrations are in progress with four clubs registered as Charitable Incorporated organisations and another two clubs awaiting the result of their application.

A team of Lions has been trained in the process of registration and at the present they are helping 30 clubs to make their applications.

The Council of Governors have informed the Charity Commission of the breaches in Charity law and proposed a timetable to rectify the situation which should ensure full compliance with the Charities Acts by January 2019 – (to date the charity Commission have not asked for the details of the Clubs Involved) We plan to submit 10-20 clubs a month for registration from September this year, priority being given to those who are not registered.

MD 105 Foundation and Youth Trust.

The Lions Clubs International Multiple District 105 Foundation and Youth Trust have been audited and the accounts are available at convention.

The revenue from the Lions-Giving website www.lionsgiving.co.uk which run by our foundations is slowly increasing. In the current year to date we have received £3816.00 in donations from the general public for various National Programmes.

I would like to share with you the response from UNICEF to our latest donations. The support you give to our national appeals, is very much appreciated by the beneficiaries.
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Multiple District 105 Charity Trust Funds

**LCIMD 105 Appeal Fund (aka Welfare Trust) - Registered No. 283799**

**Objects:** To further the relief of poverty distress and sickness.

**Projects:** Emergency relief in MD, LCIF (of recent times LCIF the main beneficiary) Malawi, Education and Wateraid.

**a) LCI - A Gift for Living – Registered No. 1070418**

**Objects:** Any purpose which is charitable according to the law of England and Wales but which is of an International nature.

**Medical projects** – Bosnia, Bihac, Sarajevo, Banja Luka

**b) LCIMD 105 Sight Conservation - Registered No. 286225**

**Objects:** The cure and prevention of blindness.

**Projects:** Eye camps through Sight Savers International (Lions Sightsavers)
c) LCIMD 105 Youth Activities Trust - Registered No. 287292

**Objects:** To further by such means as are charitable the diffusion of knowledge among young people including the promotion and encouragement of the arts personal contact and social intercourse and all other parts of public private professional and business life.

**Projects:** Young Ambassador, Football, Bert Mason Bursary (not to be confused with The Bert Mason Lions Humanitarian Award), Youth Centre, Youth Programme, Leos, TACADE, and Music Competition.

d) Moorfields Lions Korle Bu Trust Registered No. 1130230

**Objects:** To provide relief of patients and training of ophthalmologists and related staff attending the Ophthalmology Unit at the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital in Accra, Ghana and any other purpose which is charitable according to the law of England and Wales.

**Projects:** The Ophthalmology Unit at the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital in Accra

e) LCI MD105 Foundation Registered No: 1164711

The Lions Clubs International Multiple District 105 Foundation is a registered charity, registered charity number 1164711. The Trust is constituted by a Deed of Trust dated the 4th December 2015. The Foundation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The Trustees of Lions Clubs International Multiple District 105 Charity Trust agreed to transfer the assets of the Charity Trust into LCI MD105 Charity Foundation and the Trustees of the Foundation accepted the assets as restricted/and or endowment funds as directed by the donors.

The Charity Commission at the request of the Trustees of both Charities linked the Charities on the 25th May 2016.

The Lions Clubs International District 105 Charity Trust is a registered charity formed on the 14th November 2012, registered charity number 1149750. As a result of the linking above the Registered Charity number has been changed to 1164711-1.

**Objects:**
The objects of the CIO are such purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the trustees shall in their absolute discretion determine, including (but not limited to):

1. promoting without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating with the local authorities and voluntary organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare;
2. the relief of sickness or disability and preservation of good health including the prevention of avoidable blindness;
3. to help young people, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, so as to develop their capabilities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society;
4. promoting for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment;
5. the relief and assistance of people in any part of the world who are victims of war or natural disaster, trouble or catastrophe.

Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes which are not charitable in accordance with section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and section 2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.
f) LCI MD105 Lifeskills Ltd
Lions Lifeskills supplies Lifeskills based resources to tens of thousands of primary and secondary schools to address the health and wellbeing of all children and young people. More than three quarters of primary schools and six out of ten secondary schools in the British Isles and Ireland have used the education materials, which support PSHE (personal, social, health and economic) education within schools and the wider community.

Memorandum and Sponsorship Agreements with Multiple District 105

The following are the Charitable Memorandum signed by the Multiple District 105

g) Blind Veterans Association – St Dunstan’s Partnership
The purpose of the Charter is to enable both parties to formulate a working partnership benefit the inclusion and increase the independence of blind and visually impaired ex-Service men and women.

Although it is not a legally binding document it is hoped that both parties will endeavour:

- To comply with the general terms and spirit of the agreement to maintain an on-going working partnership by continuous dialogue and mutual support.
- To ensure the partnership works on a basis of service as well as the provision of some funding.

The Charter agreement may be terminated by either party upon giving not less than three months written notice to the other party and in any event this agreement will be reviewed every 5 years.

h) Special Olympics Great Britain - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
The purpose of the MOU is to enable both parties to formulate a partnership which will encourage the inclusion and increase the participation of people with learning disabilities within sport and, through the partnership, increase awareness of the Lions Clubs International Association.

Although it is not a legally binding document it is hoped that both parties will endeavour to comply with the general terms and spirit of the agreement. The MOU will be reviewed every 3 years.

i) The English Federation of Disability Sport (EFDS) - Partnership Charter
The purpose of the Charter is to enable both parties to formulate a working partnership that will benefit the inclusion and increase the participation of disabled people within sport. Although it is not a legally binding document it is hoped that both parties will endeavour to comply with the general terms and spirit of this agreement. The Charter agreement will be reviewed every 3 years.

j) Cerebral Palsy Sport
This Memorandum of Understand set out how CP Sport and Lions Clubs International MD105 propose to work together to support the delivery of a volunteering programme within CP Sport and the CPISRA 2105 world Games it is intended to clarify responsibilities and facilitates communication and understanding

k) LCIF, Loomba Foundation and the Lions of MD105
The purpose of this partnership is to empower widows to earn money, be independent, educate their children, support family members by working with the Loomba Foundation reach its goal of supplying 10,000 sewing machines to 10,000 families.
To achieve this result, efforts will be made to use the Project 1-2-4 model for which MD105 will contribute 25% of the funds towards the purchase of the sewing machines. The Loomba Foundation will match this 25% and LCIF which LCIF is expected to consider funding through the LCIF Standard Grant Programme.

I) Miles Smith Sponsorship Agreement
Sponsorship for the Young Musician Competition for three years commencing in part from July 2012 and in full from July 2013

Report of Insurance Adviser
Lion Bryan Riley

Once again I have succeeded with the assistance of our Brokers, Miles Smith, in maintaining our insurance costs at the same level as last year despite a tendency for commercial (business) insurance premiums to rise in the insurance market place. Our Brokers have of course played a significant part in helping contain our insurance costs and I have every confidence in their performance on our behalf.

The levy of £44.25 per Club for insurances will not produce the usual substantial surplus, which is transferred to MD funds, as we now enjoy the benefit of Medical Malpractice Insurance and an increased indemnity of £5m for the Trustees Indemnity Insurance. The latter has been extended to include the Trustees of our Lions Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs). The Medical Malpractice insurance is subject to claim deductibles (excesses) of £1500 in the British Isles and £2000 in Ireland.

We have recently had to change Insurers to Amlin for our MD 105 liability insurance as Chubb (formerly ACE) reneged on providing under their policy cover excluded by our US Primary policy effected by LCI, but which would normally be included under a UK/European policy - such as unforeseen pollution, “liquor” liability and contingent third party motor insurance. In fact LCI instructed Chubb not to extend their coverage even in the UK.

I have again to report my considerable misgivings about our (your) Self Insurance Fund of £100,000. In the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 the monies were held in investment accounts which are not protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). I have not yet seen the 2015-2016 Accounts. The FSCS protects monies up to £85,000, but of course a separate account with a different provider could be opened for the balance of £15,000.

Despite the good offices of the Council Treasurer in proposing that our MD Constitution should stipulate that only relevant insurance claims should be paid out of the fund I am very disappointed to advise that the Council of Governors did not support the proposed resolution. I do not know the reason for this decision.
Report of Tax Advisor

Lion Viresh Paul

I am happy to present my fifth report to Convention.

My role is to provide guidance and assistance to the Council of Governors, other district officers and clubs on direct and indirect taxation issues. As in previous years, the main issues that needed by input related to Gift Aid and lately the general question about registration as a charity or as a CIO.

This year one of the other big banks started sending out letters to Clubs and, in some cases, District Treasurers containing two forms for completion under "International Compliance Regulations". The forms were headed: "Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act" and "international Tax Compliance".

'The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) is a US law designed to prevent tax evasion by US citizens using offshore banking facilities. In other words the aim of the legislation is to ensure that the citizens of USA are fully disclosing their worldwide income to the US Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

FATCA creates a new tax information and reporting and withholding regime, designed to gain information about US persons. UK financial institutions (banks) are required to report about financial accounts held by U.S. taxpayers, or by foreign entities in which U.S. taxpayers hold a substantial ownership interest.

The basic obligation is to disclose details of all 'Reportable Accounts' meaning, broadly, Accounts where the 'account holder' is either a Specified US Person (which includes any individual who is a citizen or resident of the US) or is a non-US entity the 'controlling persons' of which include one or more Specified US Persons. 'Controlling persons' are individuals who exercise control over an entity.

I am not sure why Lions Clubs and Districts have fallen into this reporting net though I suspect it may have something to do with our US connections. District Treasurers have been advised by me on how to respond to their banks and the banks have, as far as I am aware, accepted that there is "no case to answer".

Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIO's) provide a means for charities to incorporate and gain the benefits currently available to companies without the burden of dual regulation by both the Charity Commission and Companies House. CIOs will be administered by the Charity Commission who will have sole responsibility for their formation and registration.

In terms of administration there are other advantages. Smaller Charitable Incorporated Organisations will be able to prepare receipts and payments accounts. Accounts and Annual Returns will only need to be filed with the Charity Commission and there are currently no filing fees or late filing penalties for this, unlike Companies House.

My professional background is in taxation and tax planning. Should any club or officer need any assistance or guidance in any matters to do with taxation as it affects Lions Clubs or Lionism please do not hesitate to contact me. I shall try and do what I can to guide you in the right direction.
Section C

Council Secretary Portfolio
Report of Council Secretary
PCC Lion Andy Pemberton

Well another interesting year.

I had planned this to be my final year as Council Secretary, but the advert failed to find any applicants. As a result a committee established by the incoming Council are reviewing the responsibilities of the role, in order to appoint a replacement in time for 2018-2019 Lions year.

Council Officer roles are time consuming and demanding to ensure your Council receive all the help to enable them to carry out their responsibilities efficiently. We give our time as volunteers willingly, sometimes we are criticised by those who should consider the Lions Code of Ethics before they put pen to paper.

The year has included a number of challenges, with the end of the CAC the regular round of meetings changed with more online meetings. The new process has bedded in thanks to the work of the Portfolio Coordinators.

My thanks go to the MDHQ staff, Brigitte, Jan and Stephanie have again worked tirelessly for the members. Sometimes members forget that remarks posted on social media and the members’ web site can be read by our staff no one deserves uncertainty being introduced into their future.

The report of MDHQ manager Brigitte reports what has happened in the last twelve months. Lion David Colville has worked hard on the issue of Data Protection and the complex issue of transferring personal information to the USA under European legislation.

Report of Multiple District Headquarters
Lion Brigitte Green

Since our last Convention in Eastbourne it has certainly been a year to remember. On a personal note I would like to thank members of MD105, particularly staff at MDHQ and Council Secretary, Andy, Council Treasurer, Philip and Council Chair, Heather for the overwhelming level of support in allowing me to work flexibly enabling me to care for both my father and my mother during the final stages of their lives. For this I shall be eternally grateful. Sadly, both my parents passed away within a couple of months of each other but after 70 years of marriage I was expecting that they wouldn’t be apart for too long.

STAFF
Again, this year we will have the full MDHQ team at Blackpool and we shall be running the supplies stall and overseeing Convention generally. We look forward to meeting members from across MD105 as we do each year and enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie of convention.

TECHNICAL CHANGES
Within the last 6 months MDHQ has undergone significant update to their communications network. In addition to improved WIFI access within the building we have the facility now to communicate down to club level across the MD by email or text messaging.

SUPPLIES-SALES
In the last 12 months we have processed 1,588 invoices and 257 of those are sales generated online. Supplies still occupies one member of staff for an entire working week. We have once again this year expanded the range of supplies and include many of the new Centennial items which this year have become increasingly popular. We have been pleased to include the new Centennial coin in our supplies catalogue and equally delighted that we can offer the new coin at a favourable rate to our members in MD105.

In addition to our direct sales 10 Districts choose to receive a ‘supplies’ box from MDHQ. These boxes were stocked with popular items for sale at District Conventions on stalls staffed by District members. These 10 Districts generated over £4,348 in sales from which Districts retained 10% gross of sales revenue. Hopefully next year we can get more Districts involved.

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE
Since the Convention 2016 we have processed 61 pallets of Message in a Bottle. Of those 18 pallets have been purchased by MDHQ from which we have been able to:

1. Supply clubs with individual boxes.
2. Supply third party organisations with individual boxes.
3. Satisfy individual and third party requests for smaller quantities of bottles.
   When we receive an enquiry either by phone or by email requesting a small number of bottles (anywhere between 1 and 20) our first port of call is to contact the local club in order to supply the necessary bottles. If they are unable or unwilling to satisfy the request, we supply direct from MDHQ.

From Convention 2016 we have dispatched from MDHQ 4,518 individual bottles which have been given away and we have incurred £2,500 in postage.

The requests to supply Message in a Bottle continue to grow and we are monitoring all requests for bottles on a daily basis and since the start of 2017 we are averaging 9-10 enquiries a day either by phone or email, mostly from the public, asking where to obtain bottles.

CONVENTION 2017
The booking process for MD Convention has been different to any other in that we have been involved with, requiring close liaison with the Norbreck Castle Hotel reservations team. We have purchased an online booking system and personalised the system tailoring to the needs of both a hotel accommodation and social booking form. This has meant a greater number of hours spent ensuring members’ bookings are processed efficiently and that payment taken for Convention bookings is split correctly between Nobreck Castle hotel for accommodation and MD Conventions Ltd for the Banquet and Ball and partners’ outing.
ORGANISATIONAL SUPPORT
In 2016-17 32 meetings were held at MDHQ over 25 weekends. We have made no changes to the facilities but are in the process of renewing the furniture in the meeting rooms. With the failure to find a tenant we are looking actively for people/organisations looking to hire meeting room facilities. This year we will raise in excess of £2000 in room rental. The carpark rental continues as in previous years.

In addition to the work in preparing for MD Convention we are involved in organising all the administration function for Council meetings, VDG Training –three sessions across three weekends. Preparation for Council meetings includes chasing up reports, collating and tidying reports received. When necessary we create hardcopies of the reports to be considered at these meetings. The preparation for training sessions includes collation of presentations, printing of papers for delegates and instructors and preparation of delegate binders.

MDHQ also are responsible for supporting MD Officers in arranging the following events:

- UN Day- creating tickets and brochures for 200 attendees
- International Convention-Ticketing, issuing invitations to the B&I Reception, organising the despatch of the bag containing regalia and flags
- Cenotaph Parade MDHQ are the liaison point between Lions Clubs and Royal British Legion
- Administration of CIO applications
- Processing of both MJF’s and Bert Mason Awards
- Administration of MD Travelling Lion Competition, Environmental Photo competition and Peace poster Contest.
- Design of PR material, leaflets and letterheads
- Oversee the MD website to ensure it is kept up to date

Involvement in other Committees - We continue to work closely with our Multiple District Officers and frequently participate in their meetings such as PR and Marketing, IT,Youth Groups including managing the Peace Poster Competition Long Range planning, Message in a Bottle and have a greater involvement in the Lion Magazine meetings when they are based at HQ.

By the time of Convention we expect all Club Secretaries to have input into MyLCI the names of their new Club Officers for the new Lionistic Year 2017-18.
Report of the MD Welfare Project & Special Appeals,
Marie Curie  PCC Lion Andy Pemberton
BVUK   PDG Lion Evan Wm Jones

Since entering the partnership with Marie Curie in 2013, Lions Clubs have helped raise £620,000 which has funded 31,000 hours of care for people living with a life limited illness, either in their own home or a local Marie Curie Hospice. All monies raised by Lions members are spent locally.

Marie Curie has kindly offered us their hospice facilities to meet (if they are not being utilised) without incurring additional costs for room hire (only food and drink is to be paid for).

Meetings and Conference calls have been held throughout the year with members of staff at Marie Curie involved in the fundraising specifically for the ‘Daffodil Appeal’. The Lions PR/Marketing Team have worked with Marie Curie and agreed:

- A promotional advertisement to be placed in the Dec 2016/Jan 2017, Feb 2017/March 2017 and April’s 2017/May 2017 Lion Magazines. Photographs of Lions members have featured in each of them.
- A case study of Lion Carol Smith, President of Hemel Hempstead Lions Club has featured on the front cover and inside pages of ‘By our side’ magazine which Marie Curie produced and circulate to over 450,000 people. Lion Carol told her own personal story on losing her daughter (see below).
- In the following issue of ‘By our side’ magazine there was a form for donations and on the front Lion Girdhar Sodha was shown. He is a member of London Central Host Lions Club. Lion Girdhar helped answer some key questions on why he volunteers to collect as part of the partnership for Marie Curie. Following on from the interview he agreed to assist with their promotional collector appeal (see below).
- Marie Curie arranged for a photographer to take pictures with Lions members from within the area of London and Lion Annalisa Macrì who has recently moved from an Italian Club features on the spectacles poster. The poster will be placed in all 180 Marie Curie shop windows across the British Isles and Ireland. As Marie Curie understands that a partnership should work for both partners and with this they are assisting Lions members to collect spectacles as part of the Lions Centenary year. Over the coming weeks letters will be sent to Local Lions Clubs (nearest to their shops) to ask for their assistance to place a spectacles box and in each shop for recycling. Spectacles boxes will be supplied. Marie Curie hopes that having this network in easily identifiable locations will help Lions Clubs to reach the 1 million target.
Marie Curie are publicising the scheme to all staff and volunteers and have collection points at their main offices. The recycling scheme will be highlighted through Marie Curie’s internal communications and on their computer screensavers.

Marie Curie are also beginning to work with Lions Clubs on the Lions Message in a Bottle in promoting the scheme to patients and families through their Marie Curie Nursing Service, volunteer led Helper Service, Information and Support Service and Hospice out-patient services.

This year Lions Clubs have been invited to join Marie Curie in celebrating the launch of the 31st Great Daffodil Appeal at a Parliamentary Reception at the House of Commons.

**Blind Veterans UK Partnership**

**PDG Lion Evan Wm Jones**

Action taken since last MD Convention

a) The MD Special Appeal - £71k has been presented so far to Blind Veterans UK this leaves an outstanding commitment of £29k

b) The London Marathon - 10 runners have been officially registered with the Marathon authorities - each runner has committed to raising a minimum, exclusive of Gift Aid, of £2.5k sponsorship with at least 3 expecting to double that amount - the Marathon will be taking place on the Sunday of Convention weekend

c) The International President has accepted an invitation to visit the BVUK Llandudno Centre following the MD Convention.

d) We continue to explore all possible volunteering opportunities for Lions members to assist BVUK beneficiaries - to this end I attended the launch of BVUK new Strategy Launch which will see the establishment of 5 Regional areas sub-divided into 19 Community Teams across the UK to give more hands-on specialists supported by teams of volunteers.

**Report of Vulnerable Persons Officer**

**Lion David Colville**

Throughout the year I have advised Clubs, District Officers and Multiple District Officers on a wide variety of matters.

Clubs are reminded that there are documents available for download from the MD web site – some dealing with all geographical areas within MD105 and some dealing with England and Wales specifically:

- ‘Essential information for all clubs when making decisions on DBS checks’
- In response to a club asking for clarification about when a member should apply for a DBS check, asking the following questions:
- Are members who ask Officers to sign DBS applications on the basis of either “nice to have” or “might be useful in the future” acting improperly?
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- Should Officers who have knowledge that applications have been submitted on that basis countersign those applications? If NO and they have countersigned the application, are the DBS certificates obtained valid? Are the Officers then open to prosecution?
- What action should Clubs take when asked for a DBS when Clubs consider one is not required under the Act and guidelines?
- Are members expected to be an “expert” or is there a Lions procedure which they can rely on?
- ‘Vulnerable Beneficiaries Policy’
- For clubs in England and Wales moving towards a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, trustees of charities which work with vulnerable groups and children have a duty of care to their charity which will include taking the necessary steps to safeguard and take responsibility for those children and vulnerable adults:
- The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) has extended its coverage from England and Wales to include Jersey, Guernsey (including Alderney and Sark) and the Isle of Man.

Report of Data Protection Officer
Lion David Colville

Throughout the year, I have advised Clubs, the Multiple District and District Officers on a wide variety of matters.

Much of my time this year have been involved in discussions about a common European Lions approach to transferring personal information to Oak Brook. Together with 6 representatives from Germany, Belgium, France, The Netherlands, Italy and Finland, I have been involved in discussions to come up with a solution which will be presented at the next Europa Forum in Montreux.

The 1995 European Union Data Protection Directive (“Directive”) is the basis for data protection law in each of the European Union (EU) member states. In broad terms the Directive applies to the processing of personal data. Its replacement, the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) was finally approved by the European Parliament in April 2016, and its provisions will apply 2 years from the date of its entry into force, (i.e. by May 2018). This two-year transition period is to provide organisations – including those outside the European Union that interact with the EU and collect, process or store information about EU residents (not just citizens) – the time necessary to adapt their data protection management practices to ensure they conform with the new law by the ‘apply’ date.

The changes are substantial and ambitious, and at over 200 pages long the Regulation is one of the most wide ranging pieces of legislation passed by the EU in recent years. The GDPR contains a number of new protections for EU data subjects and threatens significant fines (maximum €20,000,000 and penalties (up to 4% of global turnover) for non-compliance once it comes into force.

With new obligations on such matters as data subject consent, data anonymization, breach notification, trans-border data transfers, and appointment of data protection officers, to name a few, the GDPR requires companies (including Oak Brook) handling EU citizens’ data to undertake major operational reform.

I began a Data Protection compliance audit of MDHQ in September 2015 which will build on the audit report prepared in 2014, which identified scope for improvement in existing arrangements and appropriate action had been agreed. The audit will encompass a review of the Multiple District Data Protection Policy, web site Privacy and Terms & Conditions statements, the Model Contract between MD105 and Oak Brook, and the MyLCi database.

The outcome of this review is unlikely to be completed before the end of 2017.
Report of Health and Safety Officer
Lion Brian Dickety

The Health and Safety standards across the Multiple District are improving year on year. This is due to the quality of the District Officers appointed by each District Governor.

You will recall that we appointed “The Safer Food Company” as a preferred supplier for Food Hygiene training. Some two years later this continues to be a success with many Clubs taking up the offer to obtain the necessary level 2 qualifications, for those who are responsible for the safe handling of food, this being more important with the introduction of subsequent amendments to the Food Safety Act 1990 and the requirements of the Food Standards Agency.

Over the year there have been some changes to legislation across England, Scotland and Wales however all District Officers have kept abreast of the necessary changes and have notified their Clubs accordingly.

As a Committee the District Officers and I are planning a scheduled meeting on 07/05/17 to establish the way ahead in respect of the proposed District boundary changes. I have dealt with a steady stream of concerns from individual Lions, Clubs and District Officers over the year.

It is essential that all District health and Safety Officers contribute to the Safety Management Systems which are implemented by Governors within each of the Districts, if we are continue to meet the necessary Health and Safety standards of care, for Lion members and those who are affected by our service activities across the Multiple District.

You will be aware that our Health and Safety management strategy is based on a process of continuous improvement, on documented procedures and standards. There have been a number of concerns raised, over the transfer of the Multiple District Health and Safety Policy and Arrangements to the Multiple District Web site. It is felt by a number of Clubs that these documents are not easily found and as a result are not often used for reference.

Significant work will be required in respect of the “Road to Safety” document to facilitate the reshaping of MD 105 in respect of both the Irish and Northern Ireland Legislation.

A further audit of the HQ building in Kings Heath Birmingham is planned before the end of this Lionistic year.
Section D

Health Coordinator Portfolio
Report of Health Portfolio Co-ordinator
Lion Penny Tregillus

My thanks go to all MD Officers in the Health Portfolio for all their work to promote their respective Projects. The following Reports give details of the current situation.

Report of Diabetes Officer
Lion Keith Hedges

As we all know Diabetes has become an epidemic and costing our NHS up to 10% of their budget that equates to £25,000 per minute or £14 billion a year we need to do our best to help address the advance.

Clubs throughout our Multiple District are continuing to get involved in promoting Diabetic Awareness activities throughout their communities. These activities are growing as clubs look to increase their involvement in the education side of our Lions Diabetes Awareness Programme.

Diabetes Screenings & Walks for Diabetes are part of the Centennial Calibrations but the only way we can achieve the targets are for all activities to be report, numbers screen, individual miles walked on your clubs ‘My LCI’ so get involved and report.

Following a meeting with Diabetes UK & with further scheduled to take place before the end of this lions year; discussions that have taken place have been very productive, with a number of activities & events discussed that will be beneficial to both Lions & Diabetes UK.

Clubs involvement in Diabetic screenings or bloodlettings appear to have had their day as being a reliable method to test people to ascertain whether they may be at risk for developing diabetes. Neither Lloyds Pharmacy nor Diabetes UK are continuing to support this method but are recommending the use of assessment, this being one of the items that was discussed for Diabetes UK was their possibility to provide training for members of Lions Clubs so that they could carry out on line assessments as to whether someone was potentially at risk of developing diabetes. If this agreement is ratified this could be a major step forward in both organisations being able to educating and making people aware of the dangers of diabetes, subject to adequate approval by our insurers.

Further items that were up for discussion with DUK and at the Diabetes District Officers meeting was:

- Healthy Eating – and ways that we can mutually get this message out.
- Educating people to start leading a healthy lifestyle - We need to encourage people to start walking, swimming etc. possibly with the full introduction of the Strides Programme
- Education and Awareness – It was suggested that we should consider developing a Youth Awareness Programme package that can be aimed at school aged children.

All this will be subject to the approval of the Council of Governors

Future Plans

- To continue working with Diabetes UK and expand our partnership.
- To investigate possible links & involvement suitable with juvenile diabetes organisations such as JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation)
- To hold a District Officers meeting.
- To have a display at MD Convention.
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- To continue working with the Lions Eye Health Programme.
- To continue to promote Diabetes Centennial Calibrations activities

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Council of Governors & District Officers for their support and assistance during the last year and I know they will continue to strive to encourage more clubs in their Districts to get involved in the detection of Diabetes and support for those with this insides condition.

**Report of Message in a Bottle Officer**
**Lion Matthew Bungard**

Thanks to Lion Penny Tregillus Health Portfolio Coordinator, all at MDHQ, District Officers and the Council of Governors for their help and support over the year.

Message in a Bottle comes in a box of 90 with 32 boxes on a pallet.

After 750,000 bottles have been purchased repaying the set up costs a reduction in the price not allowing for any change in material costs will take effect.

Since moving to Garth prison September 2014, we have purchased 188 pallets a total of 541,440 bottles.

Clubs can buy boxes from MDHQ if a pallet is too many for them or they can share a pallet.

I am pleased that with the support of the Council of Governors, every one of the 2,600 athletes at the SOGB summer games will receive a Message in a Bottle.

Requests from the UK as well as International come in regular which I send onto the District officers to pass onto a club in their area or MDHQ for International.

Various posters are available to buy from MDHQ or download from the webpage. As well as a new form for the inside of the bottle that can be downloaded and filled in.

If your club wants to promote MIAB, please remember to use your District Officers. They will be able to help you get your bottles and any information you require to ensure your event goes smoothly and if asked will try to get to events, zone & club meetings if asked.

**Report of MedicAlert Liaison Officer**
**Lion John Sutherland**

MedicAlert is the only medical identification system to have the confidence of the majority of Health Care Professionals because unlike many other patient identification methods MedicAlert is managed by health care professional and provides guidance to members setting up their identification records as well as secure storage and management of sensitive medical information unlike other identification system MedicAlert provides the attending medics with not only a list of medications but also advice regarding which medical conditions or allergies the member is being treated for, this is provided not just from a note or jewellery on the
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patient but through direct telephone access to another Health Care Professional and is available throughout the world.

Some districts have not appointed a MedicAlert officer this year which has had a negative effect upon the donations receive from the Lions clubs within the MD.

It is unfortunate that the MD charities processing system only sends donations onto MedicAlert when a certain level of funds is reached and the information given to MedicAlert does not include the donating Lions clubs details thus preventing MedicAlert sending out thank you and/or follow up letters to the Lion Clubs direct. Through the Early Start Centennial challenge both MedicAlert and the Lions have identified a process of overcoming this club identification difficulty, Lions clubs can now make their donation to this specific project directly to MedicAlert.

The Lions Early Start Programme is currently providing 122 children with MedicAlert membership this vital service means that this Lions funded project provides many parents and guardians with the knowledge that when they are not able to be with their children, MedicAlert thanks to the local Lions club will be there for them.

I am delighted that council have agreed to adopt the Lions Early Start Programme as a Centennial project aimed at providing support for vulnerable children within our Multiple District

In celebration of 100 years of service, Lions Club in the UK are proud to support MedicAlert by raising awareness and funds to support the ‘Early Start Programme’.

Conceived in 2013 the ‘Early Start Programme’ offers full membership to any child up to the age of 10 years old and an introductory free item of jewellery that works in conjunction with a personal electronic record that can be accessed by emergency responders, 24 hours a day from anywhere in the world.

Having enjoyed a relationship that has spanned over 50 years Lions Clubs and MedicAlert is thrilled to work together with a focus that supports families and carers that have children who would benefit from MedicAlert’s lifesaving membership.

News from 105EA District officer Lion David Goodwin reports two clubs Downham Market & Haverhill have recently given donations to the Early Start Programme, David said “ these are ,the first from our district. I have also had three requests from clubs for promotional material for events they are planning to run”. In November 2016 I attended and ran a MedicAlert Stand at Swaffham & Districts Health Awareness/Diabetes Screening Day, the stand was busy throughout the event with several leaflets being distributed. This is an excellent way of promoting MedicAlert and Lions clubs work in our communities.

For further information about the work of MedicAlert or what you club can do to promote this worldwide health professional managed medical information charity please contact: Retired Paramedic, PDG Lion John Sutherland MJF, MD MedicAlert Liaison Officer.

Report of the Physical & Learning Difficulties Officer
Lion Tony Buchan

This is a special year for our team. As Lion Simon Smith states in his report, we have members of our Multiple District volunteering for the Special Olympics National Summer Games in Sheffield in August. Having missed the games in Bath four years ago, I, for one, cannot wait for this fantastic event to start. With these games coinciding with our centenary celebrations, this is really a time for us to shout about the great things we do as an organisation and we look forward to seeing you there.
We also have the EFDS Games in Warwick in July and Lion Ian Clare is working hard to ensure that we have as many Lions as possible at this event. This is yet another opportunity to show our communities what we can achieve as Lions and we look forward to seeing a great many of you at the Games.

I am aware that many in our organisation question why we should be involved in both SOGB and EFDS in the Physical & Learning Difficulties portfolio. I speak as a disabled person myself when I make the following comments:

We cannot possibly call ourselves “Physical & Learning Difficulties” if we have, say, only SOGB in our portfolio and drop EFDS. “Disability” is a single word with an infinite number of meanings and, in so far as we can, we need to be completely inclusive of all disabilities! In the sporting arena, consider the great many strides have already made in including disabled people. The Paralympics used to get very little exposure indeed some twenty years ago. Now consider the fact that the last Paralympic Games in Rio had in the region of 12 hours per day of coverage over the ten days of the Games. Such progress has been made and we need to embrace it!

I am still endeavouring to find Service projects for us to be involved in. However, in order for something like this to work, they have to be projects that are currently happening in our Districts. Therefore, I am asking all of you to consider what projects relating to disability you are doing in your Districts and tell me about them please. How can we expand their profile and tell the whole world about the great things disabled people are doing? I want to hear from as many of you as possible, so get your thinking caps on and let’s do something that really gives Service to those with disabilities.

**Conclusion**

I would like to thank all the members of the Physical & Learning Difficulties Team for all their hard work during this past year. They have been absolutely brilliant and I could not ask for a better team to work with. I would also like to thank our Council of Governors for this year, who have given us so much support. It has been deeply appreciated.

We look forward to celebrating our successes with you again at the 2018 Multiple District Convention.

**Report of Special Olympics Great Britain (SOGB) Officer**

**Lion Simon Smith**

This is my second year in this role and much of this year has been spent working, with Lion Margaret Riley, on producing the Families Programme for the SOGB National Summer Games.

As I hope you are all aware the Special Olympic Summer Games is a cornerstone project for our Centenary celebrations. The Lions of MD105 are committed to providing the Families Programme at the games. To the clubs that have made a donation to this event, or to support local SOGB athletes, I would like to say "thank you". If you are a Lion who has signed-up as a volunteer then I can promise a week like no other volunteering experience. For details about this event and how you can still help please visit [http://sheffield2017.org.uk/](http://sheffield2017.org.uk/) or ask me.

Please remember that whilst the SOGB Summer Games is every four years, the athletes train and compete all year round. Please contact your local SOGB club and see what you can do to help. Working with these amazing athletes is a really rewarding experience.
Conclusion
I would like to thanks the MD Physical & Learning Disabilities team for all your continued support this year. But special thanks must go to Lion Margaret Riley. Her dedication and hard work, is the reason that the Families Programme will be such a great success.

Report of English Federation of Disability Sports (EFDS) Officer
Lion PDG Ian Clare

I am pleased to inform Convention that the Partnership between Lions MD105 and the English Federation of Disability Sports continues to evolve and develop. As I write this report an updated EFDS-Lions MD 105 Partnership Agreement is currently in the process of being completed as per Council’s decision in July 2016. Following a re-organisation with in the English Federation of Disability an updated family tree shall be incorporated into the updated Partnership.

Thanks to all clubs with in MD105 for their donations to the EFDS National Games last June and to all the Lion Volunteers from across the MD who volunteered their time at no cost, by supporting the Games in 2016.

Objectives to date
I would inform Convention that I shall have met all my objectives for 2016-2017 by the 30 June 2017.

EFDS National Junior Games shall be held at Warwick University on Saturday 1st July and Sunday 2nd July 2016 with athletes from England, Scotland Wales and Ireland patriating.

Volunteer forms requesting Lions to support the Games have been issued to all clubs via the MD website accordingly.

Fellow Lions if you ever doubt why you are a member of our Association I would recommend that if possible you volunteer at the Games I know those Lions who do are always “Inspired” by the achievements of all the athletes, I know from discussions with other Lions that the same applies when Lions support any SOGB events.

EFDS are holding one day Regional Games within the MD and again details of all the Regional Games have been circulated to all Districts.

The respective districts have been informed of the Regional Games taking place in their area.

EFDS Appeal Letter
Finally may I request that all Lions clubs respond to the EFDS Appeal Letter. It would be excellent if all clubs could donate something to help EFDS fund the National Junior Games.

Conclusion
May I take this opportunity of thanking the MD Physical & Learning team for all your support and assistance during the lionistic year 2016-2017.
Report of Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action Officer
Lion Rizvi Rawoof

All the Districts put up a big show for World Sight Day 2016. Many activities were carried out ranging from fundraising walks to raise awareness of blindness to arranging participation of dignitaries like the Mayor of the area with large mascots. Clubs also continued with the talking newspaper project as well as had special spectacle collection projects on World Sight Day. Worked with the LEHP Chairman to send the World Sight Day pack to clubs. Clubs continue to collect spectacles for recycling and send to the Chichester Club.

Sightsavers continues to be supported by all the Districts. The sum donated from Jan – Dec 2016 has been £ 59,300.

Lions Club of Gillingham has reached a milestone of sponsoring 1000 Cataract surgeries in Sri Lanka.

Future Plans
• To continue to work with Sight Savers
• To encourage clubs to collect more spectacles for recycling to meet centennial target
• Propose to have a display at MD Convention
• To continue working with the Lions Eye Health Programme

Intend to have a meeting of Sight Officers at the Multiple District Convention

Report of the Lions Eye Health Programme Officer
Lion Keith Hedges

It is now more than 21 years since the beginning of the Lions Eye Health Programme and much exceptional sight-saving work has already been done by Lions clubs across the Multiple District. The original programme was designed to harness the incredible power of Lions, working in their own communities to make a difference to public awareness and ultimately to the amount of unnecessary blindness resulting from the two leading causes of preventable blindness – glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy - suffered in MD105.

Remember the Lions Eye Health Programme is one of the Centennial Calibration Project Programmes so please report any and all LEHP activities carried out by your clubs.

The simple fact is that people within our communities continue to lose their sight unnecessarily. This tragic waste reinforces the importance of, and the need for programmes like the ‘LIONS EYE HEALTH PROGRAMME’. Making Lions and the General Public aware of eye diseases, primarily Diabetic Retinopathy and Glaucoma is the most important element in the prevention of visual impairment. Both conditions can lead to blindness if they remain undetected and untreated.

The biggest tragedy of the blindness that results from diabetic eye disease and glaucoma is that, in most cases, it is preventable providing it is detected and treated, any sight that has been lost by the time the treatment commences will have been lost for good.

Aims
Our aims for the Multiple District are the same now as they have been since the inception of the programme namely to:
Help prevent sight loss to either of these insidious “Thieves of Sight” as any sight loss to them is irretrievable, which is why early detection and treatment is so vital if sight is to be preserved.

To continue to make the Lions of MD105 aware of the Lions Eye Health Programme.

To reinforce the principle message of the programme, that is: ‘the next time you have an eye test request the full tests for both Diabetic Retinopathy (if appropriate), and Glaucoma.

Objectives

To make all Lions and the Public aware of Diabetic Eye Disease & Glaucoma, it is the implementation of this that will let us achieve the aim of our Mission Statement:

TO PREVENT UNNECESSARY BLINDNESS

Achieved

We know clubs within the MD have been participating in activities promoting the programme but, as usual, you seem reluctant to publicise what you have been doing, please let us and your District Officer know.

Congratulations to all the clubs that got involved in Lions World Sight Day, in whatever way, and for the tremendous amount of publicity that was generated for LEHP, but more important for your clubs and Lions in general.

We express their thanks for the continued support of our partner organisation being, Diabetes UK, International, Glaucoma Association, Irish Glaucoma Association, the Diabetic Federation of Ireland and The Macular Disease Society.

It has been a long road getting here, but now we are let’s not stop helping prevent, Preventable Blindness.

’Sight Is Precious, Look After It’

Report of the Multiple District Speech and Hearing Officer
Lion Derek Rutter

My thanks go to all the District Speech and Hearing Officers for promoting all Hearing Projects.

NATIONAL PROJECTS

The Door Hanger Project
This project is still ongoing, hangers are available on the Speech and Hearing stand, and will be reprinted as demand requires. It is a very useful tool for promoting our organisation.

Used Hearing Aid Project
We still haven’t got any workshops up and running to sort and test used hearing aids, we don’t have enough hearing aids coming in for recycling to justify asking a category C prison to help with sorting and cleaning. Starkeys Hearing Foundation are presently sorting out the cleaning and repair of donated hearing aids. Since April 2015 we have managed to send in a total of 42,735 hearing aids for recycling by the end of February 2017, this makes a total of 29,026 hearing aids sent in since February 2016, this was in no small part due to a staggering 12,134 sent in from just one club in February 2017. To justify setting up a new workshop to sort, clean and do basic testing we need a minimum of 30,000 hearing aids per year. If we could
identify a workshop that had long term personnel available to properly train to sort, clean and
do more thorough testing and grading of the hearing aids, we only need about 12,000 hearing
aids per year. We are sending refurbished hearing aids to over 30 countries. Please approach
all the independent audiologists in your area to enquire if they would put their used hearing
aids our way, in many cases they have to pay for postage to send them off, we can transport
them free of charge through our existing contract.

**Deaf Aware Project**

Hearing impairment is the second biggest disability in the UK, and we must continue to make
more people aware. We have not done many training sessions this year, we need to inform
more organisations of the availability of trained Deaf Aware trainers who are willing to travel to
their location to do training for them. It has proved impossible to organise more “Deaf Aware”
training for District Officers in the past year, but I am hoping to arrange this early in the next
Lionistic year. Currently we have Deaf Aware Trainers based in A, BS, EA, NE and SE, with
others who have had initial training in BN, D, SW and W.

I’m pleased to report one positive outcome of Deaf Aware training, an ambulance trust has
used one of our trained presenters to make a training video, which is being produced to send
round to all their bases to help train their staff.

District Speech and Hearing Officers have a stock of “I see what you’re saying“ badges for
those with hearing impairment that lip read, a donation of £1.50 per badge would be
appreciated so these can be re-ordered as necessary.

Deaf Aware cards have been reprinted and there are some available on the Speech and
Hearing Stand.

**Hearing Dogs for the Deaf**

This is one of our Centennial targets, I would encourage all clubs to get involved in this very
worthwhile project, at the moment not many clubs are reporting their involvement. Please let
us know if you have sponsored a puppy for this project, so we can evaluate how far we have
gone towards our target.

**FINALLY**

Please invite your District Speech and Hearing Officers to talk to region, zone and club
meetings to help spread the word. Visit the MD website for more information about all of our
Projects.

**Report of Environment Officer**

**Lion Judith Goodchild**

“The Health of our planet is essential to life. The environment impacts the quality of our air
and water, the availability of food and medicine, the health and beauty of our local
communities, and the future of us all.” This is how the LCI website starts its Environment
overview and The Environment is one of the four Centennial Service Challenge Campaigns. It
is also one of the five Lions Service Areas of the new Global service Framework. Thus The
Environment should be part of every club’s programme.

At the moment we have the unique opportunity of our Centennial celebrations to really do
something about improving the environment. Tree planting, Bulbs and flower planting,
Clearing paths, Sea Lions and Recycling of batteries, hearing aids and spectacles are all
included and are linked to the environment. Let’s get involved in these and at the same time
improve our environment and save valuable resources. Many clubs are already recycling and
planting trees and flowers but please continue to do so and record what you have done.

What has been happening during the last year?
The Environmental Photo Competition was revised by me so that every District could submit a photograph in four sections: Plants, Animals, Weather phenomenon and Other aspects of nature including landscape. This was to allow more photographers the chance to be our representative in the International Competition. The competition was judged by the District Governors at their meeting in January. The winner who will be going on to the International Competition was Lion Leslie day from Caterham, Oxted and Godstone Lions Club in 105SE for her photo in the Plants section. The Governors also chose the following category winners: 105BN (plants), 105C (Animals), 105D (Weather), 105D (Other Environment) and 105BN (Landscape). My thanks to Lion Brigitte Green for her help in organizing the competition.

In November there was an item “Save our World” in the Newsfeed. This came from an idea from DO Stuart Gratix from 105BN.

The week of our MD Convention coincides with the LCI Worldwide Week of Service to Protect our Planet and World Earth Day is on Saturday 22nd April. I have communicated this information to the District officers and have sent regular emails on points of interest to them.

Other highlights are:

**District 105A** The DO has been promoting the environment by running a photo competition and by tree planting in the UK. By January 24 trees had been sponsored.

**District 105 BN** Fleetwood and Cleveleys Club have produced a recycled Lion, stuffed with plastic bags a chain made from tin cans and a crown made from the top of plastic bottles and have bought two Plant stands which we will look after for three years.

**District 105 BS** The Environmental Officer is producing monthly newsletters one of which sets out a competition for children to enter a competition to identify the most tree leaves in a scrapbook and the October edition contains The State of Nature Review 2016. Vale Royal Lions are planting bulbs in the grounds of the Neuro Muscular Centre in Winsford. Gnosall Lions have purchased 15 fruit trees to commemorate the Lions who have passed to higher service since their formation in 2007 plus two for planting in a Diamond Jubilee Green to honour the Queen's 60 years as Sovereign. Sale and District Lions Club make bat and bird boxes and then erect them in suitable areas surrounding the Sale Water Park.

**District 105D** The theme for this year’s Environmental Poster Competition was Promoting World Earth Day. Loddon Valley Lions cleared the litter from the main road through the town. Woolmer Forest also clear road verges. Not only do they improve the countryside but they recycle the drinks cans and sell them to raise money. Woolmer Forest and Gillingham, Mere and Shaftesbury Lions Clubs have planted bulbs.

**District 105E** Sleaford Lions are planting trees and daffodils and they have a link with a local primary school which is active in gardening and promoting the environment. The school has won the award for Lincolnshire’s young environmentalists. Notts/Derbys Hemlockstone presented a net of daffodils to Foxwood School as part of the Centennial celebrations and Vale of Belvoir planted 3000 bulbs in the shape of Lion logo.

**District 105EA** have a project Adopt a Beehive. 105EA’s Internet s club have held a very busy day on an Environmental project in Norfolk.

This has been my second year as an MD Officer and it has still been a learning process. I thank the District Environmental Officers and Lion Penny for their help and support over the year.
Section E

International Coordinator
Portfolio
The organisation left a lot to be desired
- There was no detailed programme available to explain the objects of each session
- The building was best described as a maze with no proper signing
- Meetings were scheduled no one turned up to facilitate the meetings or act as secretary so no records will be available.
- The service at banquets was terrible
- The attempt to automate the voting system although well intentioned had to be abandoned for procedural issues. It took 3 attempts to get voting delegate numbers sorted out.

The resolutions listed were debated with the following results

a. Proposal that the European Young Ambassador Award be renamed “Bert Mason Ambassador Award”. Reason: Analogously to the naming of the European Music Competition (“Thomas Kuti”), former International President (1984-1985) Bert Mason is to be honoured in recognition of his outstanding and exemplary commitment he made to youngsters and youth programmes.  
   Approved

b. Proposal that the cost of up to a maximum of EUR 100.00 for the copy of the trophy of the Bert Mason Young Ambassador Competition be borne by the country hosting the Europa Forum. Reason: Since the European competition was launched, the respective winner receives a trophy which, like a challenge cup, is handed over to the next winner the following year. Also, a copy of this trophy, which until now was financed by MD 105, was presented to the winner as a lasting remembrance. The cost of the trophy copy should be borne by the host country in future.  
   Approved

c. Proposal that the following Numbers of the 2 November 2013 wording of the Procedural Rules of the European Music Competition Thomas Kuti be amended: Number B 2: The prize money amounts in total to a value of EUR 10,000.00 1st prize: EUR 5,000.00 2nd prize: EUR 3,000.00 3rd prize: EUR 2,000.00 Number C 8 Sentence 1: The assumption of all costs of the aforementioned Numbers under C.), including the prize money in the amount of EUR 10,000.00. Reason: The prize money for the European Music Prize has not been raised for many years. Given the factual monetary devaluation over the past years and the increased significance of the European Music Competition in the framework of the Europa Forum – also compared with other music competitions – an adjustment is urgently needed.  
   In discussion MD 111 promoted approval of the Resolution as the best musicians were entering competitions with higher prize money. This confirmed that this is a professional competition. The prize money is funded by those registering for Forum no acceptance of cost of registration being an issue!!  
   Approved with only 4 votes against

d. Proposal that, under Art. 5.10 of the Rules of Procedure, a permanent WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) workgroup should be established to coordinate international cooperation for the Lions WASH programmes. Reason: The WASH topics were handled in various workshops at the last Europa Forums in Augsburg, Birmingham, Istanbul and Brussels. In doing so, initial contacts and cooperations with other Constitutional Area Committees were also initiated. In
Augsburg, PDG Hans Ludwig Hocke and 2nd DG Hans Ludwig Rau were charged in the capacities of Chair and Secretary with continuing the tasks for future forums. **Approved**

e. Request for Micro-credit: a project to create the condition for company start up with the support of international cooperation **Withdrawn**

f. The proposal consists of three changes and some minor editorial changes:

*There was a debate as to if this was to be one resolution or 3, agreed to vote individually*

- Removing the official post “Vice President” in the organization of the Europa Forum due to outdated function. Thus could be saved money. **Approved**
- Dismiss the “Advisory Committee”. Thus could be saved money for the countries that have representatives in the Committee. The tasks of the “Advisory Committee” should be moved to another function which is already part of the Europa Forum. **Approved**
- Adoption of a more democratic voting system. *So far all members have the right of 1 vote, i.e. Monaco for example with one Lions Club has just as much influence as Germany with more than 55000 members. This is proposed to be amended:*

  - The members of a MD country to have 3 votes
  - The members of a District country to have 2 votes
  - The members of a country that has not attained the district status to have 1 vote

*Reason: This measure could ensure that small countries would not be able to block decisions, but they will still have influence on them. **Rejected as failed to achieve 2/3rd majority***

Other points of interest
MD105 was unsuccessful in both Young Ambassadors and Young Musician competitions.

A lot of interest in MD105 Youth Camp 2017 hosted by 105M

Both Forum Archivist and Forum Accountant retire at the end of the next Forum, so nominations are requested from MDs or single Districts for the positions to be voted on at 2017 Forum

**EF 2015 Montreux 27th September to 30th September** [https://europaforum2017.org/](https://europaforum2017.org/)

Details are now being published on the Forum website, at present they are

- Travel required Wednesday 27th return Sunday 1st October
- Optional UN Day in Geneva is being planned Wednesday 27th September

Registration cost have just been published 240 Swiss Francs £194
Hotel costs range from 390 Swiss Francs £400 per night to 190 Swiss Francs £153 per night
Lunch is not included it is an extra 24 Swiss francs £19.50 per day
Get together is free
Gala Dinner (Friday) 95 Swiss Francs £76.90
Host Night (Saturday) 85 Swiss Francs £68.80

This is an expensive Forum, registration has been kept down by taking out lunches and Host night. Europa Forum 2014 and 2015 were fully inclusive and now we are back to expensive exclusive Forums. Not many Lions will be prepared to pay almost £1,100 inclusive of travel costs a head to attend. Closing date for early bird registration has not been published.
The instrument for the Thomas Kuti Competition in 2016 was the violin. Our candidate Emily Mowbray sponsored by Bletchley, Milford Keynes Club (105A) performed very well in the final at Europa Forum from 25-29 October in Sofia, Bulgaria, although she did not reach the final 6. However she has been asked to return to Sofia to play in a future concert.

It was disappointing to find that very few of the MD105 Lions attending EF Convention did not have the pleasure of attending the final and experience the very high standard of musicianship displayed by the winners.

The Winners

1. Antony Fournier MD105 Switzerland and Liechtenstein
2. Charlotte Saluste-Bridoux MD103 France
3. Floris Willem MD112 Belgium
   Special Award to Slana Atanasova D130 Bulgaria.

I believe it is a great pity that the current Council of Governors have maintained the decision of their predecessors that our MD will not take part in the European Musical Competition in our Lions Centennial Year, especially when the competition would have been fully funded by sponsorship. Surprise and disappointment has been expressed by the Europa Forum Musical Competition committee.

Report of the Korle Bu Trust
PID Lion Howard Lee

West Africa has a high incidence of eye disease but, whilst in UK we have one ophthalmologist for 40,000 people, in Ghana there is one ophthalmologist for around one million people. So the most important part of our project is to provide training for ophthalmologists from all over West Africa. This will vastly improve both the quality and the quantity of eye services throughout the region.

The first part of our project has been met, and the Ophthalmology Department of the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital (KBTH) is fully functioning in our new building, with the exception of the operating theatres, which require special sanitary air conditioners. Our unit is currently capable of accommodating up to 200 outpatients per day, and many more will be treated once the facility is fully operational. We are already seeing a big increase in patient throughput over that which was achievable in the old ophthalmology unit. But more importantly, we have the facilities and the systems to train up to 32 ophthalmologists per year, once the operating theatres are functioning. This final hurdle can be overcome once we have the operating agreement signed by all parties, and this is well in hand. A selection of photographs of the centre is attached. We are hoping to have the official opening very soon now, but this will depend on the availability of the President of Ghana Mr Akufo-Addo.

From the date of the operating agreement, KBTH will take over responsibility for the building as a whole, and will be obliged by the agreement to keep it to a standard necessary for us to carry out our training programme, and to make the necessary facilities available to us for up to 12 courses per year. As part of the project, we have constructed an accommodation block called Moorfields House, in which to house facilitators and students for the courses (a big saving in hotel bills). We will continue to manage that accommodation block, which will enable us to gain income from rent, catering, etc. to help offset the cost of the courses. The Lions of Ghana have agreed to take a part in the management of that facility.
PCC Chris Iles, PDG Max Mongia and I will continue to represent the interests of MD105 and LCIF in the governance of the Eye Centre as members of the Board of Trustees of Moorfields Lions Korle Bu Trust. We now look forward to reaping the rewards of past hard work, and to building for the future. My sincere thanks go to Chris and Max for all their hard work over the last 10 years, and for their dedication to the future.

The first surgical training course at the Lions International Eye Centre at Korle Bu Teaching Hospital took place during the last two weeks of November 2016.

Four ophthalmologists from hospitals in Ghana and Nigeria attended a medical retina course in diabetic retinopathy. A fifth student had to cancel at the last minute for family reasons. The course was supported by two experienced trainers from the UK and one who was representing the West African College of Surgeons and is based at Korle Bu.

Medical retina is a vast sub-speciality.

As such it was decided early on that sub-specialist training in medical retina should begin with the management of diabetic retinopathy. The main reason for choosing diabetic retinopathy is that diabetes is a disease of ever-increasing importance in sub-Saharan Africa. In Africa the current prevalence of diabetes is 14.2 million. This is predicted to increase to 34.2 million by 2040, which represents an increase of 141%; the greatest in the world. Diabetic retinopathy affects one third of the diabetic population and represents 50-75% of medical retina disease in West Africa. Sight threatening retinopathy affects 10% and it is a significant cause of blindness in the working age population. The main problem faced by a number of eye units across Africa is that the majority of patients with diabetes present late to eye clinics with advanced retinopathy and blindness. Having robust screening mechanisms in place, in addition to suitable treatments, will help to alleviate this significant cause of blindness since it is well recognised that early detection and timely treatment of sight threatening diabetic retinopathy saves sight.

The training was divided into two parts, commencing with an online training and assessment to ensure a high level of background knowledge before the practical training got underway.

The hands-on training involved assessing and treating over 50 diabetic patients over four mornings. These cases were reviewed and the merits of different treatments discussed in group sessions over several afternoons. Treatments provided were preceded by simulation sessions. The training also included a number of lectures. The nine day programme was intensive, starting at 09:00 hours and running until 18:00 or 19:00 hours each day.

In addition to training in diagnosis and treatment, wider issues concerning diabetic care and care pathways were also covered as part of the training. Protocols and strategies for case detection and screening were also provided so that the trainees left equipped with the tools to set up full diabetic eye services in their home units. In addition, the diabetic retinopathy service at Korle Bu was strengthened and improved as a result of the course.

Some of the feedback from those who took part in this successful first course, is as follows:

‘Our trainers have made laser therapy and intravitreal injections, as well as the general management of diabetic retinopathy so exciting that I know my patients in Kumasi will benefit immensely from the knowledge and skills that I have gained.’ Dr Akwasi Agyeman Ahmed, trainee.

‘This training method, combining the online course and practical session in once centre, was very effective. It allowed all trainees to tap into the diverse experiences of our trainers to learn different ways of managing various conditions.’ Dr Abdulsalam, trainee

‘What I have learnt is going to improve my practice and my patients will be the better for it.’ Dr Adentunji Adenekan, trainee
‘I believe the entire course will be most beneficial in my centre where about 50% of the population live in rural/indigenous communities. ……They will definitely benefit from an upgraded diabetic retinopathy screening service, as well as from the various medical treatment protocols learned during the course. The testimonies from these patients will surely come in due time.’ Dr Arinze Obinna Chukwudi, trainee

‘This was a very successful first course which helped underline the potential impact of providing surgical training locally in short but intensive blocks. Providing training to our West African colleagues means that they can pass on their skills to others within the medical retina multidisciplinary team.’
Dr Evelyn Mensah – consultant ophthalmologist & trainer from the UK

We are very grateful to Sightsavers for supporting the nine day training, to Tropical Heath & Education Trust (THET) for assisting the development of the training resources, and to University College London for hosting the online course materials on their platform. The next training course will focus on glaucoma and is expected to take place at the Lions International Eye Centre in the Spring of 2017. Over the next few years, we will build up the courses programme to around eight per year, or more if funds allow.

You may be interested in viewing a short film which we hope will be a useful tool when seeking funding for new courses. This is the initial version for Moorfields Charities donors, and a “Lions-centric” version, with more emphasis on the involvement of MD105 and LCIF, is in production. Please click on the link below.

https://youtu.be/FU9pwxF_dUw

I also attach some photographs of the course.
The International Association of Lions Clubs
Multiple District 105 British Isles and Ireland
Convention Blackpool 2017

Medical Retina Course - November 2016
The International Association of Lions Clubs  
Multiple District 105 British Isles and Ireland  
Convention Blackpool 2017

**Report of Gift for Living Trust**  
**PID Lion Phil Nathan**

"Our Patron, HRH The Countess of Wessex GCVO, fully supports the Gift for Living project and encourages the family of Lions to continue to fund this very worthwhile programme of saving vulnerable mothers and their babies in Bosnia, Herzegovina and Kosovo."

My thanks to my Trustee colleagues for their ongoing support in the last year.

**Trustees**

Phil Nathan – Grant Administrator – Chairman  
PDG John Bush Correspondent Trustee – Treasurer.  
PCC David Firth  
MD LCIF Officer PCC Geoff Leeder  
MD Treasurer PCC Philip Goodier  
IPDG Marion Conneely

Also, my grateful thanks to PDG Tony Clarkson for the upkeep of our website

[www.lionsclubsinternational-agiftforliving.org.uk](http://www.lionsclubsinternational-agiftforliving.org.uk)

Finally after almost 5 years we have officially presented our donation to the maternity hospital of University Hospital of Tuzla.

Tuzla canton is the biggest canton in Bosnia and Herzegovina and includes some of the most difficult towns and villages in all the country including Srebrenica – this will be remembered as the place of the last genocide in Europe, after world war 2. The Local Tuzla Lions club was present to receive.

Our Lion Armin Alagic made the presentation on behalf of MD105 to Lion President Dr Tulumovic who has been the key partner and consultant in this program. The club then announced the formation of a new club for which they already have 14 people. Armin was very pleased about the gratitude expressed by the local doctors and especially about the fact the equipment was specifically chosen to be stationary or mobile – easily transported from the hospital.

This is crucial knowing that 90% of the population of Tuzla canton lives in areas with difficult access to the main hospital and this will make the program open to all the population, no matter where they are located.

**TAKEN FROM TUZLARIJE - NEWS**

Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics Tuzla have been presented with valuable donations.
Lions Club Tuzla is a member of the International Association of Lions Clubs, today the largest service organization in the world, with more than 1.4 million active members, more than 43,300 clubs in 714 Districts covering 210 countries and geographical regions.

Although humanity is common to all clubs, not all work with the same intensity, but one of the fortunately very active clubs is the Lions Club Tuzla, which with cooperation with LCIF and District MD 105, made this project successful. Thanks to the activities of members, especially Dr. Azura Tulumović, today the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Center Tuzla was presented with a donation of medical equipment worth 53,000 euros.

Before the handover of donations to members of the Lions Club Tuzla, professor. dr. Dženita Ljuca, Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Professor. dr. Fahri Skokić, assistant director of medical affairs UCC Tuzla, thanked the Lions for the donation. They pointed out that Tuzla is the most populous canton, with 13 municipalities, whose residents are referred to the University Clinical Center Tuzla, so that donations to the University Clinical Center are donations to everybody in Tuzla Canton. Dr. Skokić stressed that she does not like to distinguish between patients but she was pleased that the donation is helping the healthcare of women and children.

And now another revelation:

During my visit to see the equipment we donated. The Professor asked if there was any way we could help with another situation. He was talking as we made our way through the many women waiting in corridors, hoping they might get some treatment to help them. It was a Gynecology area and he explained that he and colleagues are only able to perform certain procedures because the operating beds are now 50 years old.
I thought you might like to see a few pictures from the ward.

So, the Professor asked if we could buy two beds to enable treatment for the ladies of Tuzla befitting 2017. 68,000 Euros each!

I have spoken to LCIF who have “suggested” that we might well be eligible for a 50/50 Grant.

Here is the bed!

The appeal starts here.
I visited two training organisations for the blind, one in Sarajevo and one in Tuzla, would we supply lap tops to teach their members to use them. The Aps teach amazing capabilities and I stood and witnessed, mesmerized at what these folk were capable of. Why shold they not be able to do what you and I do (and more)

Armin soon spec’d out what the requirements were and has a supply of reconditioned top brand Lap Tops for 250 Euros each. To date, I have promised 30 between the two and the local lions are trying to find some money to buy more. Would you like to join us?

Having recently returned from a visit to Serbia, I highlight the following,

An exciting concept is awaiting input from LCIF. It is regarding a start-up for Guide Dogs for the Blind, run by Lions. There is a very sensible plan in place that I had excellent discussions about during my last visit in May. A huge task but potentially good for lions and communities throughout the country (Serbia). I am really hoping that MD105 can be involved (via Gift for Living) to be part of what would be a high profile legacy project for lions. Council have agreed that we should continue investigations concerning this project.

GIFT FOR LIVING IS SO BUSY!

I hope this report and update strikes a chord because A Gift For Living has been your hands on Charity for 20 years.

Still much to do, but it’s in your hands.

Report of International Convention Officer
Lion Andy Pemberton

FUKUOKA 2016

The financial result is disappointing, but the decision not to make a previsit was with hindsight I believe mistaken.

The negotiations with the Hyatt were difficult, the email chain was some 30 pages long and it was not until a week before we travelled we discovered we were negotiating with a manager in Tokyo. The refusal to serve drinks unless we paid for a bar was not negotiable and at Yen 285,000 (£2,000) was rejected. Hence the decision to choose freeflow bar and charge Hotel prices for the drinks.

The no bar decision also affected the briefing night, preordering a drink per head was the only way of getting drinks to the 2nd floor. We have to thank JTA for their support throughout the Convention, despite only 15 of our party booking with them, but they were not prepared to contribute to the drinks bill. Wee also had no choice but to hire the p.a. equipment we did not use £273.

The food served was the cheapest on offer from their set menus, and not visiting meant that no negotiation was possible on our more traditional style servings.
We ordered 250 servings of food and drinks, set out the room for 300 yet only 210 hosts and guests were present, this reduced the drink sales increasing the loss. The reason for the poor attendance is difficult to explain. Again we clash with PID/PIP dinner and few seemed prepared to travel 30 minutes to our reception. I have a full analysis of tickets taken at the door and question the sending out in advance tickets to our European colleagues.

There were 56 of us from MD105 registered for the Convention. Although it was forecast that around 30,000 Lions from around the world would attend the plenary sessions were sparsely attended, their being thousands of empty seats.

There were less than 15 Lions beside Council parading, but we did find volunteers to carry flags and the MD Banner.

Although we could only have access to the B&I Reception room at 19.00 plenty turned up to help set up the room. Thanks to all who helped set up and tidy up.

Hopefully we will never be faced with a 15% exchange rate movement in the week leading up to settling our account at a hotel, that cost us over £900.

**Chicago 2017**

I worked with JTA to launch the Convention packages, these have been promoted in the Lion Magazine and our website. As at time of writing 177 delegates are registered for Convention.

An inspection trip to Chicago has taken place, I was accompanied by two representatives of JTA, and report below

**Delegation Hotel Marriott Magnificent Mile**


Hotel has 1200 rooms, at date of our visit 600 had been updated and another 300 will be updated by the time of our arrival. They are all to of a high standard and the rate offered by JTA/LCI is a significant reduction to current publicly offered rates. Wifi is free to Marriott Loyalty club members $15 a night saving.

There is a large bar area, snack stall and shop area. The hotel is surrounded by a selection of 170 Award winning restaurants and 138 bars (within 8 block radius). Interesting roof Herb garden supplying the kitchen and 500,000 bees occupy hives on the roof and the honey is used in the Hotel Kitchens.

This is the best location and equipped Hotel we have been offered for a number of years.

Situated 400 yards from the start of the Parade route. In the words of the Hotel

"Not your average Michigan Avenue hotel. We’re your host to help you experience Chicago to its fullest. Magnificent shopping. Renowned dining. Chicago's top attractions - Navy Pier, American Girl Place, Millennium Park, Theaters and Museums - all just a walk away from one of the leading hotels in downtown Chicago. Relax in renovated luxury Chicago hotel rooms when you’re done exploring. Explore our hotel's fitness center unlike any other in Chicago boasting over 9,000 sq. ft. of redesigned space ideal for every active lifestyle. Grab a bite at Rush Street Pantry featuring Chef-crafted food focusing on fresh, gourmet options. Or, have it delivered directly to your room. At Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile Hotel, we want to help you travel brilliantly."

**DGE Hotel Hyatt Regency**


Situated 400 yards from the Delegation Hotel and 400 yards from the start of the Parade Route.
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Two towers with views of Down town Chicago, a large restaurant and bar area, but a short walk to the Bars and Restaurants of Michigan Avenue. Wifi is free in Hyatt Regency since January 2015 Hotels website promises

- 2,019 well-appointed guestrooms
- Grand Beds™
- New Fitness Center located in the West Tower, Blue Level
- Stetsons Modern Steak + Sushi: A non-traditional steakhouse experience
- BIG Bar: Signature BIG cocktails, appetizers and desserts
- American Craft Kitchen & Bar: A farm-to-table influenced menu in our atrium lobby
- Market Chicago - open 24-hours: Starbucks coffee drinks, snacks, a quick breakfast or lunch
- 24 hour Fitness Center
- Running / jogging paths along Riverwalk
- Ideal location for numerous Chicago activities

B&I Briefing Thursday June 29th

The Marriott (Delegation Hotel) offered the sectioned off Chicago Ballroom (5th Floor) laid out Theatre style for 200. Room cost is zero and we are not organizing a bar for the hour of the briefing, attendees can bring up drinks from the bar. We will have to hire a PA system but no AV equipment.

JTA will host a reception for their customers after the briefing, entry by ticket,

B&I Briefing Thursday June 29th

Marriott Magnificent Mile the Delegation Hotel

The hotel is offering the full Chicago Ballroom capable of seating 600 at round tables

This is a magnificent room like we had in Fukuoka.

I will propose pay bar with no cost for setting up, or minimum spend.

International Parade

The route starts 400 yards from our hotel, assembly point will be on street at beginning of route, open to sun or wind and rain. Trump Towers is at junction of assembly point and parade route. The man is everywhere!! The route is flat with tall buildings either side, but at midday so sun maybe an issue.

International Parade uniform has been decided by Incoming Council details will be circulated to all attendees.
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Report of International Relations Officer
PDG Lion Evan Wm Jones

Action taken since last MD Convention

1  Attending the WaterAid AGM & also the WaterAid Supporters’ Day Event that took place immediately afterwards.

2  Chaired meeting of the District IROs.

3  Kept International Projects pages updated on the MD Website.

4  Attended the Lions Day with the UN at the UN Headquarters in New York.

5  Organised & Chaired the Lions UN Day at the Palace of Westminster.

6  Attended the Lions UN Day in Wales.

7  Together with CC Lion Heather attended Call to Action for Street Children Reception at the House of Lords with the main address by Rt Hon Sir John Major KG CH, the patron of the Consortium for Street Children - others in attendance were European Lions, government representatives, corporate stakeholders, academics, and civil society leaders. It was a celebration & acknowledgement of the upcoming United Nations General Comment on Street Children in Street Situations which is a mile stone in providing a legal framework to protect the rights of children. Sir John Major expressed his thanks to MD 105 for its support of Street Children Projects.

8  Facilitated the contact for a potential primary school building project in a village in Uganda by bringing it to the attention of the District Governor of 411B, which includes Uganda, he in turn has brought it to the nearest local Lions Club who have committed to assist.

9  Progress is in hand & proceeding satisfactorily towards all declared annual & 3 years’ objectives.

Report of 1-2-4 Sewing Machine Project
PCC Lion David Firth

Thank you to all Lions and their Clubs for donating £33,937 to this very worthwhile project, along with a donation of £32,500 from the Loomba Foundation, coupled with a grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation of US$100,000 which gives a total funding of £131,937.

A launch of the project was held at the British High Commission in New Delhi on the 5th August. Vice President Naresh and International Director Aruna Oswald were in attendance.

Following the launch of the project in Delhi, the Loomba Foundation is planning to start selecting 500 impoverished widows in Vrindavan/ Mathura area in Utter Pradesh commencing 1st February 2017. They expect the selection to complete latest by end of March. There is an application form which must be filled in by all beneficiaries.

Once the selection has been done, The Loomba Foundation will start with the training of the selected beneficiaries for a period of two months. They have already identified two training centres. However, they will need to select at least 20 training centres where 25 beneficiaries will be trained at each centre. This process will be completed by end of May.

The Loomba Foundation hope to distribute the sewing machines during June before International Widows Day on 23rd June, 2017.
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Report of the LCIF Officer
Lion Geoff Leeder

1 The LCIF District Coordinators

This year, with the guidance of the DG Teams, LCIF is represented in their districts by the following Lions:

PDG Vijay Arora (105A); PDG Tony Clarkson (105BN); Lion Graham Dow (105BS); IPDG Ian Thornhill (105C); PDG Patrick Hamblin (105D); PDG Alan Hall (105E); PDG Kevin Rodgers [in part to January 2017], Lion David Pope [from January 2017] (105EA); PDG Terence Mangan (105I); PDG Ian Haffner (105M); PDG Roy Chambers (105NE); PDG Bob Prebble (105SE); PDG Lesley Clarke (105SW) and Lion Viv Morgan* [in part to October 2016], PDG Laurence Pearce [from October 2016] (105W). *Now deceased.

Note

It was a moment of great sadness when Lion Viv Morgan, Devizes,105W, died at the beginning of the year after a short illness. Lion Viv was passionate about LCIF and had served as the District 105W Officer from 1992-2016 and as the MD Officer from 2006-9.

2 The Development Plan

The original concepts of plan introduced in 2008 have continued, namely:

i) to educate Lions about the work of our Foundation, and
ii) to increase an awareness among both Lions and non-Lions around LCIF’s core areas of Disaster Relief, Humanitarian Needs, Sight and Youth.

To assist the Coordinators our Foundation has provided a specific area for them on its website (http://www.lcif.org/EN/lions-center/coordinator-center/index.php) which not only incorporating an extensive listing of resources with guides and sample presentations for club visits, promotional and training materials, fundraising news, and donation reports, but also embracing the new social media of Facebook, Twitter, Blog pages, You Tube, LinkedIn, Instagram and Flicker.

Additionally, they have access to a resource centre on a Google drive which provides further information, some of which is exclusive to MD105.

Also:

- each month the Coordinators are receiving key information about the "Status of Instalments", "Recap of Donations", "MJF and PMJF" listings and a Club Participation report,
- individual Lions are being encouraged to support the Foundation on an annual basis by becoming Contributing Members,
- donations that are made to any of LCIF’s core programmes of Sight, Youth, Disability, Disaster Relief or Humanitarian Aid (areas of greatest need) earn credits which may be used for the MJF recognition programme,
- Coordinators have been requested to continue with the promotional and educational aspect of the original plan by visiting clubs, zone meetings, arranging displays, etc.
- As last year, District Coordinators are now being set Goals and Targets by the Foundation.

Since the last Convention report Lubna Saleh was appointed as the Regional Development Specialist – Europe in June 2016, as replacement for Kate Leander who left the Foundation earlier in January 2016.

Early September 2016 I attended meeting in Brussels with the other European MD Coordinators last September, jointly organised by Lubna Saleh, the LCIF Regional Development Specialist for Europe, and PID Philippe Gerondal, the European representative on the LCIF Board of Trustees (BOT), and having returned from the 2016 Europa Forum in Sofia at the end of October, I had planned to meet...
up with the District Coordinators in early November to get an update on the status our goals and plans. Unfortunately, that meeting had to be postponed but was reorganised for Saturday 28 January at MDHQ.

The meeting covered the following agenda points:
Recap of 2015-2016, LCIF Updates, Roles and Responsibilities, Planning Ahead & Goal Setting, Fundraising, Recognition Programmes, Motivating Lions to Give, Club Visits, Activity: Making the Ask, Leadership Participation, Train the Trainer, Marketing and Reports.

Chairperson Past President Dr Jitsuhiro Yamada has requested a training programme be put in place for District Coordinators and also to promote the appointment of LCIF Club Coordinators, a position already in place in Japan.

In order improve the donations to our Foundation the District Coordinators are being encouraged to be much more proactive in making Club/Zone visits in order to promote the work of the Foundation.

3 Goals and Targets

2015-16

The target sum set originally for Europe (July 2015 to end of June 2016) was US$5.18M which is equivalent to US$20 per member.

The sum actually raised last year in Europe was US$4.1M representing an average donation of about US$16.

The donations from Clubs and Districts across MD105 at the end of June 2016 totalled just over £302k representing about US$445k or approximately an average donation of about US$29 per member.

However, this total includes a legacy of about £114k, so in reality the monies collected across the MD totalled only £188.5k (US$ 304k), equivalent to an average donation of US$18 per member. This represents a decline of about 60% when measured against the donations for 2014-15

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The drop in the level of contributions is attributed to there being no major disaster appeals, such as the Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines or the earthquake in Nepal.

It is also noticeable that significant donations are now supporting alternate appeals being made via the Multiple District.

2016-17

Interestingly the target sum set for Europe this year is US$ 5.69million which is equivalent to US$22.4 per member.

The donations at the end of February 2017 reached just about £172k which is more than twice the amount collected at the same time last year.
This increase is attributed to a number of factors:

a) Disaster relief contributions for the Italian Earthquake Appeal
b) Disaster relief contributions for Hurricane Matthew damage in Haiti
c) Increased MJF applications
d) Increased donations to support the Measles Initiative.

However, it should be remembered that the GBP – US$ exchange rate has gone from 0.62 to 0.8 since last year so the value of the GBP has dropped against the dollar so would need to increase our donations by a factor of 1.3 to maintain parity with last year.

As mentioned earlier, based on the average per member of US$22.42 and the current membership, each district has been given a minimum target goal. Additionally, looking at the average of the three previous years’ giving for each District and suggested a target 10% increase. However, it is up to each District Coordinator, in discussion with their Governor to set what they feel is a realistic goal for their District.

4 Humanitarian Support

At the 2016 Europa Forum in Sofia LCIF Chairperson Past President Dr Jitsuhiro Yamada advised the Coordinators present that during the 2015 -2016 Lions year donations to the Foundation totalled more than US$39.5million, with approximately US$4.1 million (10.4%) coming from Europe.

In that same period 453 grants had been made worldwide by the Foundation totalling about US$45.2 million.

There were 54 grants to Constitutional Area IV (Europe) totalling US$2.24 million comprising the following categories:

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<td><strong>54 TOTAL</strong></td>
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5 Donations and Fundraising

The procedure for handling donations to the Foundation has continued successfully and is a tribute to the team work and understanding between District Coordinators, the District Treasurers and PDG Arthur Clenton, LCIF Donor Services Liaison.

Each month PDG Arthur has continued to perform a vital role recording donations from Clubs/Districts destined for the Foundation and, on a monthly basis, has distributed a summary chart to the Districts Governors, Vice Governors, District Coordinators and Treasurers to show the status of giving.

An overall summary chart is given in the Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2016 for the Lions Clubs International Multiple District 105 Appeal Fund also known as Welfare Trust, Reg. Charity No. 283799.
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PDG Arthur maintains regular contact with the Donor Services Department for LCIF to ensure funds are transferred timely and correctly. He is also helping to sort out issues relating to MJF recognition awards such that we now have a very efficient process.

6 Recognition Services

Donations to the Foundation’s core general programme areas of Sight, Youth, Disaster Relief or Humanitarian Aid, qualify as credits. Accumulated credits for individuals and clubs are recorded on the “Status of Instalments” club listings sent out each month to each LCIF District Coordinator.

From this year, individual donations to LCIF in any of the core areas will qualify for credit which will count towards both the Contributing Member’s Pin (CMP) as well as an MJF. Thus, a minimum donation of US$100 will entitle the donor to a gold CMP and result in a credit of US$100 which will be added to the “Status of Instalments” account for that individual.

The Bert Mason Humanitarian Award (BMHA)

The BMHA is now issued from MDHQ at a charge of £375, excluding the cost of an optional case, subject to the satisfactory completion and sign off of the application form which can be downloaded from the MD website.

As part of our Centennial celebrations we had been hoping to recognize 100 members each year through to the end of June 2018 but the take up is very poor and this target will not be achieved.

Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF)

The process for the ordering of MJFs is now working extremely well. An application form can be downloaded from the MD website or from the Foundation website.

A club or individual requiring a plaque should check that sufficient qualifying funds have been donated to the Foundation. This can be checked by all LCIF Coordinators and MDHQ who receive a copy of the “Status of Instalments” account, circulated monthly by the Foundation.

If there is insufficient “credit” from accumulated qualifying donations, then the deficiency can be “topped up” with additional funds paid to the Foundation. Please consult PDG Arthur Clenton (arthur.clenton@gmail.com) for details.

If sufficient funds have been previously donated to the Foundation, then an on-line application form can be completed by following the link below:


It is not recommended that several applications are made at the same time as this may incur additional handling charges (plus import duty and VAT) from the courier service.

If several MJFs are required urgently, together, then special arrangements may have to be made by me or PDG Arthur Clenton with the Donor and Recognitions Department at the Foundation.
As part of our Centennial celebrations we are aiming to recognize 1000 persons, preferably non-Lions in the community, with an MJF through to the end of June 2018.
Awards for individuals may be made using accumulated credits. Accumulated credits cannot be used for “Corporate” plaque awards.

Currently the total Status of Instalments credits for Clubs and Districts in MD105 exceed US$3 million.

Each LCIF District Coordinator has an up-to-date monthly listing which shows the status for each Club and Individual for their District.
The listing below shows the status at the end of January 2017:
### Summary of Status of Instalments of Credits for Clubs and Districts in MD 105

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### Status of MJF/PMJF and Corporate Plaques since January 2015 to February 2017

![Graph showing MJF, PMJF, Corporate, Total, and Target over time]
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7  Grants

The grants listed below have been received, remain open or are about to be closed:

i) 13779/MD-105, Philippines Typhoon, $50,000, 19/11/2013. This grant facilitated the supply of appropriate water purification equipment, initially for the disaster in the Philippines, and forms part of the MD International Disaster Fund to enable the immediate purchase/supply of water purification equipment for other disasters.


iii) 13166/MD-105, Equip Maternity in Bosnia/Herzegovina, $75,000, 04/11/2012. Project finished. Final report yet to be submitted.

iv) 1357/MD-105, Korle Bu Teaching Hospital -Ghana, $1,500,000, 17/01/2008. Project nearing completion. Official opening yet to take place.


vi) Seed Funding Grants made by Chairperson IPIP Joe Preston during September 2015 visit to the Midlands:
   a) 14782/105-M SIFA Fireside Program for the Homeless, US$3,000, 28/09/2015
   b) 14783/105-M Marie Curie -Services for the Terminally Ill, US$7,000, 28/09/2016

vii) 14846/105-BS, Standard Grant, Good Shepherd Hospice Chester, US$ 36,375, 07/01/2016.

viii) 14822/105-I, Corel 4 Microenterprise Grant to support impoverished mothers in India, US$50,000, 07/01/2016.

ix) 15014/MD-105 Core lions quest Grant, US$ 57,373, 28/02/2016.

x) 14991/105-E, Equipment for the Air Ambulance Service in the East Midlands, US$18,070, 05/05/2016.

xi) 15196/105SE, Equipment for Haematology Lab Kings College Hospital – LIBRA, US$35,814, 14/08/2016. Matching funds just received from LCIF.

8  Haiti Update

Monies donated by MD105 towards the Haiti Appeal have been used to assist with the reconstruction of the Vocational Training Building for the Montfort Institute for the Deaf in Haiti, located in Port-au-Prince.

Unfortunately, there have been delays with the completion of the building, partly caused by Hurricane Matthew, but also because the main site agent was injured in an accident. The official opening of the building has to be rescheduled for when the building is complete.

KaSondra Byrd, Manager, Humanitarian Grants Department, at the Foundation and will be advising when a revised date has been arranged.

9  The Measles & Rubella Initiative

At the 96th International Convention in Hamburg the GAVI Alliance and Lions Clubs International announced a unique partnership that will help to protect tens of millions of children in the world’s poorest countries against measles, a highly infectious disease that kills an estimated 400 people every day, mostly in developing countries.

Under the partnership, Lions Clubs International will raise US$30 million over a three-year period to the end of June 2017 when Lions Clubs celebrates its 100th anniversary. The funds raised by Lions will be matched by the UK’s Department for International Development (DFID) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, bringing the total to US$60 million. Currently Lions’ donations for this project are about US$23 million and there is a requirement to raise the US$7 million shortfall by December 2017.
At the beginning of January, the Chairperson wrote to the Governors of Districts that have provided support to our Foundation in the past. The letter points out that last year LCIF supported the Measles Initiative with grants totalling some US$9 million to stop the spread of the disease.

Each district is being asked to consider making a generous gift of a suggested amount to the Foundation by the end of this fiscal year specifically to support the Measles Initiative so that we can close the funding gap and fulfil our commitment to GAVI.
Likewise, Clubs are being contacted by the Chairperson before the end of March 2017 asking for their financial support for this preventable disease.

All donations for the GAVI Measles Rubella Initiative qualify for recognition and should go to our Foundation via the normal route, either through District Treasurers/Charity Treasurers or direct to PDG Arthur Clenton, who is the correspondent Trustee for “LCI MD105 Appeal Fund”.

10 50th Anniversary and towards 2018

In 2018 the Foundation will celebrate its 50th Anniversary and the aim is the increase the Foundation’s annual income to US$50 million to enable funding of even more projects.

Heading towards 2018 the Foundation has published the following goals:

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Membership Coordinator Portfolio
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Report of Membership Coordinator Portfolio
PDG Lion David Merchant

Following the Resolution passed at last year’s Multiple District Convention this Portfolio has been amended and the Communication element now forms a Portfolio on its own. This leaves 3 elements – Leadership, Membership and Lionesses – which form a natural group and which complement each other.

I have worked closely with each of the 3 Multiple District Officers and continue to provide advice and support as and when necessary. Obviously there are serious concerns over the current membership totals for each District and the implications this situation has on the Multiple District as a whole. It is also clear that there is considerable unease throughout the Multiple District over the uncertainties projected by redistricting. Both the Leadership and Membership Teams held an annual summit to share good practice and common concerns and by using the same day and venue they were able to combine for part of the time, mainly to discuss the future and the Goals and Action Plans of the District Governors Elect.

Convention should be aware that the 3 year period of Office of all Leadership and Membership Coordinators ends on 30th June 2017 and until information is received following the International Board Meeting at the end of March the future is very unclear.

Each Officer has completed a 5 Year Plan for their discipline and the combined result provides a coherent package of a rolling 5 Year Plan for the Membership Portfolio.

This Report follows the style I have adopted for Council Reports this year of a summary from myself as the Portfolio Coordinator and the full Reports from each individual Officer.

Report of Global Leadership Team Coordinator
Lion Linda Picton

GLT Activities since Convention 2016 in Eastbourne have been both varied and variable.

Institutes and Seminars:

The MD105 Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) held in April 2016, was part of a pilot programme for Europe and ‘quality controlled’ by representatives from Lions Clubs International. Feedback was positive and permission has been granted for locally organised and locally funded, ALLI’s to be held in all areas of Europe, following Lions Clubs International curriculum guidelines. All future events will be officially recognised by Lions Clubs International. A positive step forward, as places are always at a premium at Institutes organised for Europe, particularly in English speaking sessions. My thanks and congratulations go to those who:

- attended MD105 ALLI – 16 in total
- attended LCI ALLI in Sofia, Bulgaria – 2 in total
- attended LCI ALLI in Malaga, Spain – 3 in total

Unfortunately, due to lack of interest, the February 2017 proposed Regional Leadership Institute was postponed. Disappointing on several counts:

- funding (part) agreed by LCI
- budget agreed by Council of Governors
- and - more importantly, the leadership challenges that are in evidence across MD105. Challenges that unless faced and conquered at club level, where many report lack of, or recycling of club officers, will continue to influence the ability to recruit effective, efficient and enthusiastic leaders for clubs, zones, regions and districts.
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So, PLEASE, take advantage of the opportunities offered locally and in our wider community. For many it will not only be a reminder of skills you already have, but will also offer the opportunity for personal and professional development.

A varied programme of on-line learning modules and webinars can be found in the Lions Learning Centre.


MD 105 Five Year Plan:

Strategic Development Committee (SDC) asked all portfolio coordinators to formulate a plan encompassing each area of responsibility which will feed into the overall 5-year strategy for Multiple District 105. Currently the GLT plan, which is with the SDC, has been shared with all District GLT Coordinators for input and comment. Sadly it seems that circumstances and uncertainties surrounding restructuring proposals have once again overshadowed the progression of this document and we are almost at the end of 2016-2017 which was to be year 1. The basis, however, is sound and as a live working document has mid and end-year review process built in prior to update and roll forward.

Every District is encouraged to develop 3 or 5 year plans that address local needs.

Highlighted Challenges:

(i) The 3-year term of office for GLT Coordinators, both District and Multiple District, will end 30th June 2017. Yes, that will include me, but it is hoped that continuity may be provided by Area Leader in post for one more year. There is much speculation as to future roles and responsibilities. Decision will be made at International Board Meeting in March, so at the time of writing the future is a little cloudy. Certainly it will be business as usual for the immediate future.

(ii) Restructuring of MD105 – again the future is cloudy. It is essential that any change is managed and workshops on ‘Managing Change’ would certainly be a sensible addition to what is currently offered by every District.

(iii) Vacancies continue to be a challenge. If we are to establish a sound platform on which to take MD105 forward, leaders must be identified, mentored and offered every possible encouragement to ensure that they do the very best job they can – and that they in turn offer the same opportunities to their successors – thus ensuring a good today but an even better tomorrow for Lions in MD105. Our survival depends on it. Positivity should be our mantra.

(iv) VDG/DGE Seminars although a challenge, we continue to develop a programme that offers a sound basis of opportunity for Vice District Governors to meet their individual needs and fulfil their potential to serve as an efficient and effective District Governor. Time constraints and personal/professional experience, coupled with late receipt of overall schedules from LCI seriously impact on this.

(v) Working as a Team at all levels. GLT and GMT Coordinators should be actively involved with the District Governor Teams in the planning of goals and plans as they are the teams that will implement these plans on behalf of the District, contributing towards the success of the agreed goals. Team working offers a support network to ensure that one individual does not become overwhelmed with the level of responsibility and sharing of ideas can contribute to a more favourable outcome. Self-confidence of every individual is vital to our succession plans.
Maintaining a close working relationship with Area Leaders, MD GMT Coordinator, and Portfolio Coordinator together with other officers and coordinators of council has certainly smoothed the path, somewhat rocky and hazardous at times. I thank them all for their support and courtesies shown.

(vi) Financial stability and sustainability continues to be a challenge for us all, but I certainly hope that MD105 is able to continue supporting investment in our future leaders.

Leadership is about taking opportunities. I have taken mine so please can I encourage you take any offered to you.

Report of Global Membership Team Coordinator
Lion Ian Claire

Effective membership growth and retention is vital to the MD, in order that it continues to deliver “Service” programmes to the local communities within the MD and supports both our International Programmes and our MD Partnerships.

In order that we achieve both membership retention and membership growth within the MD it is most important that every member accepts the challenge. One Lion can’t reverse our membership decline, but if every lion within the MD takes ownership of the challenge I feel certain that the MD will grow and that our proud MD will be able to continue to deliver our “Service programmes” through the British Isles & Ireland in future years, taking account that District I (Ireland) leaves the MD on the 30th June to become a Single District.

On behalf of the MD GMT and District GMT teams I would like to take this opportunity to thank District I for their significant contribution over the years to MD 105.

The MD GMT team and District GMT Coordinators can’t increase membership but can and have supported clubs within the MD on membership matters

To this degree I would like to place on record the support I have received from IPDG Mike Parker and Lion Phil White in dealing with membership matters at an MD level and to congratulate all District GMT Coordinators for the work that they have undertaken within their respective districts during the last twelve months.

Over the last twelve months it’s been once again a pleasure working with Lion Linda Picton MD GLT Coordinator in order that the MD Leadership and Membership teams are a joined up team. To meet our goals and aspirations it’s important that the MD GMT team work closely with the MD GLT team, and I am very pleased to report that this is the case. To be effective this close working relationship is also required at district level.

Membership Facts and Figures

Appended below is an overview of the membership and clubs with in MD105 as at 28 February 2017

- The number of members in active clubs is 14953
- Number of active clubs with in the MD is 772
- Sadly the above reflect a decrease in our membership and clubs. Please find below an overview of the above for the last four years during the period February 2016 to February 2017.
- These figures highlighted below have been received from the Lions Clubs International
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To increase the above membership I would urge every Lion with in the MD to ASK1 person to join our Association and for all Districts to establish new clubs by the 30th June 2017 and to retain existing members

Over the years clubs/districts in MD105 have recruited new members to our Association but have failed to retain members for several reasons.

Both new members and our current membership are the future of MD105 being able to deliver SERVICE to people

This year celebrates our Centenary Year and I hope that all clubs in MD 105 celebrate this with in their local communities with centennial projects demonstrating to all communities the Service work clubs undertake at all levels within our Association This year 2017 should be our best chance to communicate with the public whilst stimulating all our existing club members If all clubs take on board the Centennial projects and ASK 1 person to join their club we shall hopefully grow the MD.

Multiple District 105 February Club Comparison

Multiple District 105 February Membership Comparison
Membership Enquiries

With effect from 1 July 2016 MD105, have received 69 possible new member enquiries from LCI. To date MD GMT have only been notified of four prospects becoming members of our Association.

2 in 105BN
1 in 105EA
1 in 105SW

The MD GMT team have forwarded all membership enquiries to the respective District GMT Coordinators to action. All district coordinators are asked for quarterly updates by the MDGMT team.

MD105 3 Year Membership Plan

In August 2014 Council accepted the MD Global 3 year Membership Plan. This was subsequently issued to all District GMT Coordinator’s.

The Plan like any Plan is an evolving document and has been updated at the beginning of each Lionistic year and presented to the respective Council for their acceptance.

The above Plan incorporates both details re membership tools together with an overview/projected forecast of all the 13 District Governors Membership Goals for the respective Lionistic year.

Following acceptance of the respective Plan all District GMT Coordinators received a copy in order that they could develop a robust District GMT Plan including the DG teams and their GMT Goals.

The Plan highlights the key membership activities/tools that are required to ensure that MD105 grows its membership and retains members, with the key tools to achieve a net growth.

Our Future Aims and Aspirations

It is vital that all Districts, Clubs and Lions work together with in the MD, irrespective of our position with in MD105.

Yes, we are all “club lions” and are supported by district and MD Officers. I would urge all clubs to be very pro-active in recruiting new people into our association, whilst ensuring that all our members are duly mentored. Clubs Lions are the most important factor in the growth of the MD so we need to ensure that all our members are encouraged to become our future leaders.

Lions Clubs International will assist any club in growing its membership. Clubs can obtain Membership booklets/leaflets either via the MD GMT or the direct from the LCI Membership team.

- Your Club, Your Way
- Just Ask
- Young Adult Recruiting Guide “Who will carry Your Clubs banner in 2050?
- Club Membership Chairpersons Guide
- Membership Satisfaction Guide
- New Club Development Guide
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- Blueprint for a Stronger Club
- Club Member Questionnaire
- Community Needs Questionnaire

The above booklets, are well constructed and ask some meaningful questions relating to how a club functions in the community and offers excellent ideas on how to attract new members.

During the last 3 lionistic years, I have when asked by Districts, contacted LCI re the above who have always sent to the respective Districts the booklets for use at District Membership events.

**MD Membership Meetings and MD Webinars**

In accordance with the MD GLT and GMT Strategic Plans meetings have been held with District GMT Coordinators to review membership and to share ideas and experiences and to strategically plan for the future. Based on the need to work closer together 4 webinar’s have taken place this year, with the support of Lions Clubs International and our Area Leader, PID Ton Soaters from the Netherlands.

I have updated Council on both the meetings and webinars accordingly.

**Identification of white spot areas to develop new sustainable clubs, and the growth of Lions Club in the Central belt of Scotland**

During the last year both Council and most districts have highlighted the areas where a new lions club could be formed with the support of an effective mother club and two certified guiding lions.

I am pleased to report to Convention that all Districts agreed that the MD GMT team subject to the approval of Council, should apply for a Membership Grant to add for new clubs in the Central Belt of Scotland.

I would inform Convention that Council agreed to this imitative and a Membership Grant is currently awaiting the International Boards approval at their March 2017 meeting.

The MD GMT team worked closely with District 105NE in developing a robust Membership Grant and supporting budget and have already held a Planning meeting in order that four new clubs, as a minimum, are established with in the Central belt of Scotland The first club hopefully will be in Falkirk.

May I express my thanks to Council for approving the Membership Grant and supporting budget, whilst acknowledging all the support received from the District Team, District GMT and GIT Coordinators in District 105NE

**Summary**

Increasing our membership is not an easy objective, but if every Lion can **ASK’s 1 person to join their Club** we can achieve our objective, whilst ensuring that all clubs retains and motivates its existing members. Membership is something every Lion can effect in a very positive way.

If every member adopts a positive approach to membership & retention I feel we can overturn the decline of members.

May I take this opportunity of thanking Council for allowing me to undertake this challenging position during the last 3 years supported by IPDG Mike and PDG Ian, Portfolio Holder PDG David Merchant and Council Chairman Lion Heather during 2016-2017.
Report of Lioness Clubs Officer
Lion Angela Howard

Last year I attended the Multiple District Convention and together with the Multiple District Lioness Clubs Coordinator Lion John Kyte attended the Council of Governors Meeting. The purpose of our attendance being to present the new proposed guidelines that had been drawn up by the Lioness Advisory Body for approval by the Council of Governors. The guidelines were then seen by the legal department and I am pleased to report were then approved and accepted at the next Council meeting.

At the end of June it was very sad to hear that two of the Lioness Clubs had made the decision to close, and we lost both Seahaven and Sugarloaf, between them these two cubs had given a total of 55 years’ service and had been a tremendous support to their communities and the wider world. None of the members wished to become Lions and therefore were not only lost from this Organisation but more importantly they, and all the service they gave has been lost to their communities.

In July I took up the position of MD Lioness Clubs Coordinator and have worked very closely with the Lioness Clubs to restore their faith in the ethos of Lions and to reunite the clubs in the bonds of friendship with all Lions throughout MD 105. In August last year the new Lioness Lions Club of East Anglia was formed and although still a new club, and despite some loss in membership is progressing very well and has lots of ideas and plans for its’ continued future. The members are keen and enthusiastic and I am sure the club is going to be a credit to District EA and Multiple District 105. To learn more about this club and the lioness clubs please look on their very good websites and face book pages.

All 16 Lioness Clubs in MD 105 are thriving and continue to do excellent work within their communities and the wider world; they are always keen to support Lions projects and are getting involved in the Centennial projects and looking forward to taking part in the Lions Centennial celebrations. In February the Lioness Clubs held their 29th Annual Conference which was an excellent event, they were delighted to welcome both Chairman of Council Lion Heather and Past International Director Lion Phil Nathan and also many other members of the Lions Family, everyone’s support is greatly appreciated.

On the 3rd June, 2017 all the Lionesses Clubs within MD 105 will be holding their Ruby Celebrations, big Tea Parties of varying themes to celebrate their 40 years of service, an achievement they are very proud of and it is very heart warming to know that Lioness Jeanne Morgan of Pontefract Lioness Club, who was the first Lioness and first Lioness President in MD 105 is still actively and enthusiastically serving her club today.

I have travelled many miles as we all do attending meetings, club events, Charters, Certification Anniversaries and Conventions which have all been very informative and most enjoyable and I should like to thank all those involved for their warmth and hospitality.

My personal thanks to PDG Lion David Merchant, who as my Portfolio Coordinator has been a great help to me and his support is very much appreciated.

On behalf of myself and all the Lionesses in MD 105 I should like to wish Council Chairman Lion Heather and all her team a successful and enjoyable Convention.
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Communications Coordinator
Portfolio
Report of Communications Portfolio Coordinator
Lion Ian Gott

Information Technology
Lion Dave Allen

Lion Magazine
Lion PDG John Hall

Marketing and Public Relations
Lion Mandy Broadbent

Sponsorship
Lion PDG Max Mongia

Report of Communications Portfolio Coordinator
Lion Ian Gott

The main objective in this first year of the communications portfolio is to bring together all the aspects of Lions involved in public facing media. Working together all the officers are striving to increase awareness of “who we are and what we do”. It would be great if we had unlimited funds to advertise ourselves with the national media streams however the ethos of Lions is “every penny raised goes to good causes” so the burden of advertising costs would fall on all the members and £10 extra on subscriptions would only provide a very modest campaign. Each member and every club put in fantastic efforts, giving their time freely to produce amazing results but as they say “the jobs not over until the paperwork is done”. We can’t make up the stories and all the aspects of this portfolio need your stories so send us details of everything you do. We will then help you to promote your club in the local area, and the more exposure we can get locally then the more stories will filter through to the national media, which in turn pulls more local interest and attracts more membership. I would like to thank all the team, who have all worked hard this year, for their efforts and the lots of time involved in doing those so many things that “don’t just happen”

Report of Lion Magazine Committee Chairman
PDG Lion John Hall

This year has been one of change for the LION magazine management committee. We have had a change of editor, introduced a new style of publication, and had a reorganisation of the management committee. There has been a lot of discussion regarding the centennial year and of course plenty of information coming through regarding redistricting. I can see that in the coming year these subjects will play a prominent part.

At the start of the year, Warners who are the publishing company and who provide the editor for the magazine decided to change the editor, Clowance Lawton, who was involved with other duties beside being the editor for the magazine and was being overloaded. Clowance has done a great job producing a more reader friendly publication; the new face of the magazine and being complemented by many of the stories sent in by the membership. We owe a big thanks to Clowance for the work she did and wish her well for the future.
At the start of the year, we appointed a new editor, Nicky Rogers, who is now a well-established member of the team. Nicky has been with Warners over sixteen years and has a lot of experience in editing magazines for a number of clients. Her professional expertise and dedicated approach will be a big asset and I am confident that the magazine will continue to move forward with new ideas.

The cost of producing the magazine is continually under review by the management committee, but by good housekeeping, attention to productions runs, continual searching for new advertisers, keeping a check on postage costs and keeping expenses down, we have been able to keep the operating cost within budget.

LCI recently announced that all versions of the LION are required to have a digital edition by July 2018, they will then produce four printed versions each year. I am sure you are aware that we already have a digital version, which can be accessed through the MD website. Whilst there appears to be a preference for continuing with a printed version there are many things to take into consideration, not least the overall cost. What will eventually happen regarding our own edition will depend on the membership and the council of governors.

The centennial year is upon us and we are looking for those inspiring stories that you can share with the membership. We will be including a centennial section in each issue so please send in your stories together with good high resolution pictures to enable a good reproduction to be achieved. It is your magazine and it is essential that you keep on sending in articles. We cannot guarantee to include every article submitted but the more we have gives the editor the opportunity of being able to showcase how clubs are continuing to serve the community. Thank you for your continued support.

Report of Public Relations Officer
Lion Mandy Broadbent

The last year has seen some notable changes and achievements in working towards the objective, which is to substantially increase public awareness and improve communication at all levels within MD105. The strategy is to continue to harness the power of clubs by helping all Lions Clubs to get involved more in their own public relations. Templates are now available to all clubs to give help and guidance and make their role easier. The strategy supports the statement that “Lions play a central role within the community”.

Key elements of the MD team efforts over this last 12 months has been to:

- Work on key projects and activities in partnership with organisations to enable Lions Clubs to increase the level of awareness with members of the public and media has been effective. As there are over 70 partners, it isn’t possible for a small team to effectively with this number to give Lions national impact. The PR team have worked closely with the following:
  - Special Olympics GB
  - EfDS
  - Libra
  - Lions Lifeskills
  - Marie Curie
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- Lions Message in a Bottle
- Blind Veterans and the London Marathon Centennial runners
- Lions Centenary
- Lions World Sight Day
- Lions Giving – www.lionsgiving.co.uk
- Promoting LCIF to Lions Clubs
- Commemorating the Centenary of the Somme with the Dept of Culture and the National Memorial Arboretum to update the Lions Shelter

- Continue to work with all clubs to encourage them to promote themselves to the public through various media channels, both online through radio and social media (facebook and twitter accounts) and offline through newspapers, posters and local awareness raising initiatives. The following piece utilised on the penny/cent cards has been effective, ‘Lions Clubs help local communities in a number of ways with every penny collected going direct to good causes. Not one penny is spent on administration (as running costs are funded by members). We focus on good deeds and help those who are less fortunate. Just ask to join the in fun and friendship’.

- Lions Members Forum in-conjunction with Dave Allen – http://lionsclubs.co/forum

- Over 1100 Lions Members have now joined the Lions Members Only Forum and this number is continuing to grow. The Lions PR/Marketing team would like to encourage members to share their ideas, post questions or problems they would like help in solving.

- There has been a newsfeed distributed each month. Emails have been sent utilising ‘mailchimp’ - a piece of electronic marketing software enabling the team to design, save and transmit to all those who have email addresses. The up-to-date information can also be accessed through clicking on the web link http://lionsclubs.co/Monthly/

Working together with the MD team

Lion Mandy Broadbent works three days a week for Public Relations (two days a week for Lions Lifeskills) and is the main contact for help for district PR officers and clubs. Heather Yaxley, has a long association with Lions Clubs, she is passionate about PR and is working in her spare time on a Doctorate in the subject. She gives us constant help and support. Heather will provide the design and output of the next ”community report”.

Lion Dave Allen our IT team member is working with Lions Clubs International to improve and anglicise E- clubhouse, he has also obtained a Google Ad-words Charity grant to keep us at the top of the pile with the search engines.

Lion Nicky Rogers recently appointed as Editor of The Lion magazine. Nicky is the newest member to the team but an experienced Editor who is more than capable of coordinating news items and editing them to make the magazine look fresh and appealing to readers.

Lion Brigitte Green MDHQ Office Manager works with most of the MD Officers and projects, organising the printing and distribution of new leaflets and promotions.

Lion Ian Gott – his job is to provide the strategy and objectives to bring the team together and to encourage the “important” is done as well as the “urgent”.

As we continue to plan ahead and enter our Centennial year, our main aim is to work on the second edition for ‘Lions in your Community’ report. The focus for the report is to show a variety of human stories and voices (through video clips) of how ranges of Lions projects are working within the communities in which we serve. It is our aim to have the report available in hard copy as well as shown through short video clips on the website and through social media.
channels, so that they can be accessed via mobile and digital technologies. The two key messages will be ‘Lions get involved’ focusing on how Lions members get involved in local communities and motivating readers to get involved themselves and ‘Lions pay it forward’ showing the ripple effect of Lions Clubs on individual people, local communities and the society in which we live and work in.

Report of Information Technology Officer
Lion Dave Allen

Since MD Convention 2016 my role as IT Officer has involved a constant maintenance programme attempting to keep the MD website up to date. We do still struggle with officers not advising either myself or MDHQ of updated events or newsworthy articles to be added to the site. I am pleased to have developed the Lions Forum and as a system for reviewing updated news and the electronic directory, it has proved to be very useable by Lions’ members. The directory itself was downloaded 2,233 times and MDHQ have updated the directory 4 times over the past year to ensure the forum contains the most up to date directory. The forum software has been updated a number of time during the year.

We have a number of Lions Now using the digital version of the Lions magazine http://online.pageflippdf.com/wjex/kyxb/ and I am pleased to advise Lions’ members that we are still ranked top in Google.

Made visits to MDHQ on a number of occasions to assist with both Microsoft and Adobe issues, and the MD105 website has been updated to include the latest software.

My forward plans are to continue to monitor the website to ensure that we do not have any issues and ensure there are no issues and to ensure it is kept up to date.

I have been working on some individual club websites and have provided a template, which is clean, accessible and professional and for use by clubs free of charge and to ensure that we have consistent branding across the Lions’ clubs sites.

I have liaised with LCI to get a update on E Clubhouse to have more MD content and links. The only information I have received is that work has not started on the site but it is planned in the future.

My main current task is working with the team at MDHQ, the MD Convention officer and the Norbreck hotel to ensure that the AV for Convention runs smoothly and that we maintain a consistent high standard as in previous conventions.
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Report of Sponsorship Officer
Lion PDG Surinder (Max) Mongia

Multiple District MD105 appointed me as the first MD Officer to develop a strategy to raise funding by Sponsorship or sourcing of grants for our mainstream projects.

- Currently clubs in our Multiple District rely on raising monies from Charity walks, musical events & street collections etc.
- Majority of funds raised are using this method.
- However, this initiative is a new vision and one 'out of the box' scenarios.

With the decline & aging membership in Lionism today our ability to raise the desired funds has been under strain. Alternative method are not unique, there is a multimillion fund reservoir in the charity world. We need to prepare ourselves to avail such funding.

Our Multiple District has identified some key areas of such funding requirements

(A) Blind Veterans UK;
(B) Lions International Eye Centre Korle Bu;
(C) Gift for Living;
(D) MedicAlert;
(E) Refugee Crisis;
(F) WaterAid;
(G) School in a Box;
(H) Lions Sight Savers Trust;
(I) Special Olympics Great Britain;
(J) English Federation of Disability Sports;
(K) Youth Programmes;
(L) Volunteer Requests

As an initial attempt I have highlighted 3 areas

(1) Blind Veterans
(2) Lions International Centre Korle Bu
(3) Youth programmes.

Sponsorship as an alternative method: Majority of businesses today have a Corporate Social Funding, CSR built into their business plan and strategy.

What is CSR?

Corporate social responsibility (CSR) refers to business practices involving initiatives that benefit society. A business's CSR can encompass a wide variety of tactics, from giving away a portion of a company's proceeds to charity, to implementing "greener" business operations.

How should we approach the corporates?

CSR is becoming more mainstream as forward-thinking companies embed sustainability into the core of their business operations to create shared value for business and society. Corporates have a defined & published strategy and declare the categories of social responsibilities that their business supports.

In applying for grants /assistance from the corporates, we need to align ourselves to their strategy hence one needs to research and short list corporates that would support the cause. There is process of producing a proposal for initial review to qualify for such grant. This is
followed by a detailed financial plan/proposal. It is a very competitive environment as majority of NGO’s focus mainly on raising monies in this way.

I am in the process of preparing a strategy document for Lions for raising funds for signature projects through CSR. It is also possible for Districts/Clubs to approach their local businesses.

In my research, I am preparing a document as a guide for Districts & Clubs as to ‘how to approach corporates for successful results.’

Current proposals in pipeline:

Blind Veterans: Efforts are progressing with London Chamber of Commerce, corporates and other known banks to support the Blind Veterans.

Lions International Eye Centre, Korle Bu: Funding for the project is work in progress. We have received an indication from a corporate to fund training programs for Korle Bu, as it will be completed later this year. The proposal is currently in the advanced stage, I am awaiting the details for cost projections from Moorfields Consultants to progress.

I am also currently reviewing the sponsorship strategy with specialist advice/assistance from fundraisers/consultants and other NGO contacts and hope to produce a comprehensive strategy report for sponsorship.
Section H

Youth Coordinator Portfolio
So:- Another year reaches its zenith with MD Convention due. Next year is Youth Audit Year when the team and the finance holders look at the overall programme and consider its performance and possible modification or adaption. I use performance indicators for youth as used by professional and service moderators of which I am trained in my own right. I would be delighted to receive your thoughts and ideas, sent to me directly, before the end of the Lions year alongside those of recipients. Young Ambassadors have provided an annual finalist’s poll but it would be good to have feedback from those who did not make the finals. It is necessary for the effectiveness of this procedure that all parties, lions, young people, general public in all Districts are involved. We are all volunteers so why not volunteer an idea that is working in your District? With the proposed re-districting I foresee road shows throughout the country reminding us all of the way forward in the next 100 years of Service to Youth.

When you have read the Officer reports from the MD Youth Team do not hesitate to approach them on the Youth Stalls, which will be joined together as usual with everyone eager to help. All MD Youth Officers will be present.

I do not intend to repeat what your officers have reported in this document, there is nothing more boring than a Charter Dinner reporting the same facts of number of Clubs, number of Countries etc.

President Trump talks about building a wall....... In this MD Hadrian got there first and the people tore most of it down to build houses. I mention this as our Youth Camp in Dumfries was supported by hosting south of the wall. Many Lions hosts and supporters realised there are roads, trains, airways and even ferries to Scotland and joined in what turned out to be a braw, bricht cacophony of international fun and fellowship with a wee dram on the side. (Haggis gravy). This summer’s camp was gallantly taken over by 105M at the last minute and will, I am sure, be no less brilliant. In the future there are plans for a “Roving” camp building on the excellent Irish scheme.

It is now the time to see if you can spare a room for a couple of weeks in summer to host a young adult from another country. Many people are finding that by sharing the hosting within a Club or Zone they are able to co host. To find out more, without any obligation, come and see us on the Youth stalls.

Club Lions acting as Leo Club Liaison Officers are causing the MD Officer difficulties in their lack of reporting to him. Please read his report and think about how your District could be more proactive in not only growing Lions of the future but providing a forum and support for these future leaders. Short of ideas? Why not look in at the International Leo site and benefit from other’s success.

New publicity material for Peace Poster is available from MDHQ. The programme remains an excellent way of getting and maintaining a link with youth organisations and schools, enabling an involvement of other aspects of Lions Youth programmes.

It is encouraging that MD105 Lions Lifeskills has been granted funding by Lions Quest, in conjunction with Ambition UK, to Train, deliver, monitor and evaluate the US Lions Quest “Skills for Adolescence” resources. It is good to work with our Lions partners in developing such resources and can do nothing but benefit young people in all countries. Similarly initiatives in 105BN to help promote our Alcohol related resource could be of interest to other Districts.
Great to report an increase in numbers in all aspects of Young Ambassador with all Districts having a candidate in the recent MD finals. We were even able to share in James’s voyage on Lord Nelson thanks to his sailing buddy Heidi Nathan who recorded the trip for us all to share.

Despite some Lions informing others of the dropping of the Young Leaders in Service Scheme by LCI please be aware that it is still very much alive and thriving in MD105. The move to enable anyone to download and personalise a YLIS Certificate from the LCI website would reduce, at a stroke, the credibility of the scheme as understood by Education establishments, including Universities, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Scouting and other Youth Groups whereas in MD105 the scheme as is produces a meaningful Certificate of Achievement recognised by all as a very good addition to a young person’s CV. The YLIS Officer and myself are currently working very hard alongside Council of Governors to produce our own Certificates of Achievement and the scheme is still very much business as usual. Any changes will be advised by either MD officer or myself.

Finally I would like to thank the members of the team for their dedication to, and support of, their individual disciplines.

Report of Leo Clubs Officer
Lion Andrew Kerr-Sutherland

1. My role covers 13 Districts and I am responsible for reporting to Council on the progress of Leo Clubs. In order to do this it is essential I receive information from Leo Advisors on a fairly regular basis (4 reports per year). This year, after a concerted effort, I have received 5 reports from 13 Districts. This only after a direct appeal to District Governors and District Secretaries.

In some cases I was informed that Leo Advisors had not even reported to their own Districts. Clearly this is a system that is not working. It is disappointing that when Advisors take on the role they do not realise that they are required to report to their own Districts.

I would like to thank those District Governors and Secretaries who did respond and I would ask Council to alert Vice District Governors of the importance of reporting so that we have a better picture of Leo activity across the Multi District. It would also be a great help for next year’s Council if we could know in advance who the named Leo Advisors will be and if they have full DBs disclosure.

Thanks too to Lion Brigitte for assisting with up to date email connections!

Summary of reports received:

District NE: Are working hard towards the creation of Leo Clubs in the District. Lions Clubs at Scarborough, Yarm, Kirkcaldy and Teesdale have all expressed interest in setting up Leo Clubs and are working towards this.

District EA: Has limited Leo activity with one active club working with their local Lions club. They report that Lions Clubs are having difficulty taking responsibility for Leo clubs. They are discussing the possibility of intermediate “New Generation” clubs that would be similar to existing branch clubs.

District I: There are two Leo Clubs on the books, one with no registered members and the other with a single member.
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District W: There are three active clubs with about 41 members. They will be attending an event at their District Convention.

District A: Report that they have a number of active clubs. They report on a standard form sent out by the District Leo Advisor and I would like to use this as a template for all District Leo Advisors. It is a simple form on a single sheet of A4 and is easy to follow. (see attached)

It would be great if this form could be circulated across the Multi District so that it can be used as a template for reporting.

There is clearly a great deal of good work going on across the Multi District but we are just not hearing about it.

2. It is good to report that some Districts have given Leos a spot at their Conventions. This is an example that could be copied to good effect.

3. Leos will be represented at the Lions UN Day at the Scottish Parliament this year as they have for the past four years. Leos deserve a higher profile across the Multi District.

4. District A have been successful in the award of a Bert Mason Award. Well done to them for putting forward such a good candidate and congratulations to those Lions Clubs who have promoted this award and the Young Leaders in Service programme.

5. Following discussion at the Council meeting in October I have asked District Governors and Secretaries to have an up to date report on who is fully disclosed to work with children and vulnerable adults. I reminded them that this is a legal requirement. I have had a response from 6 Districts.

District A: The Leo Advisor is disclosed and they are in the process of getting the other Leo Advisor DBS checked. This is currently taking 14-16 weeks.

District NE: All Leo advisors in Scotland and England are disclosed.

District D: All Leo Advisors are disclosed. Some clubs are still in the process of disclosing. Guernsey has different regulations but they have agreed to apply under the English DBS system. I have cc’d Lions David Caldwell and David Wells into the email discussion on this.

District EA: The Leo Advisor is disclosed under a work DBS but I have advised that this should be recorded under Lions.

District I: The Leo Advisor is Guarda checked but Ireland is adopting a new system of DBS by the end of 2017.

District W: All Leo Advisors are DBS checked.
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MULTIPLE DISTRICT 105 LEOS.
MONTHLY REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

Form to be completed and sent to Multi-District Leo Coordinator by 10th day of following month.
Please complete and return even if no monthly activity

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Donations
Report of Life Skills Officer
Lion David Skinner

OBJECTIVES

Lions Lifeskills has achieved £16,500 turnover in its third year of trading to June 2016. The primary objective of Lions has always been to provide personal, social, health and citizenship education based initiatives with the provision of resources for those working with children and young people from the ages of 3-19. The secondary objective has been, to develop our income through two principal routes:

1) via direct sales to educational establishments, healthy schools and public bodies
2) via the installation of our Lions Lifeskills resources into schools and youth organisations funded by our Lions Clubs.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Our District Officers are asked to support their Lions Clubs working with schools and youth organisations. We request that they make contact with Teachers, Advisors and Team Leaders within Education Authorities and Healthy Schools Teams, and key personnel within other organisations to help to facilitate sales and distribute the resources by all routes and to assist with, and inform Lions Clubs about the benefits Lifeskills has for those involved. They are also asked to encourage Lions Clubs to appoint a Youth/Lifeskills Officer to contact their local schools. As many County educational support staff are no longer in post, local contact is more important than ever.

At the end of February 2017, we have an income of over £15,000 resulting from the sales of Lions Lifeskills resources which is broken down by:-

- Healthy Schools London £5000
- Solihull Partnership £1210
- Individual Lions Clubs £1220
- Direct Sales to Schools £790
- Lifeskills Africa – Malawi, Tanzania and Lesotho £7000

We have continued to support the Healthy Schools Programme in London launched by the Mayor of London’s Office. Lions Clubs in District SE has principally funded this programme. The resources that we have distributed throughout the London Boroughs have been well received. We were invited to the Mayor’s Celebration of the success of the event at Civic Hall where the support of Lions was publicly recognised as we are again later this year. We are currently distributing specific resources to those schools which are progressing to the Silver and Gold Awards. The Healthy Schools London programme now has over 1,870 schools engaged and over 75% of eligible London schools have now received a Lions Lifeskills resource.

An evaluation of the national programme on which Healthy Schools London programme is based showed the following tangible outcomes:

- Increased amount of opportunities that children and young people have to be physically active in and out of schools
- Increased participation of children and young people in physical activity in and out of school
- Improved links between schools and communities that promote physical activity
- Increased school meal uptake including free school meals
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- Improved children and young people’s access to healthy packed lunches and snacks throughout the school day.

The benefits go beyond health, participating schools have also reported reduced incidence of bullying, improved behaviour and improved attendance. Head teachers have also said that they found the Healthy Schools Programme helpful as a general school improvement tool.

We have been successful in extending the principles of the Healthy Schools London programme in District M. Seven Lions Clubs in the Borough of Solihull Council combined to present resources to qualifying schools at an event attended by the Mayor and this will be a two year programme.

We have also achieved continued success in District SW where we have successfully placed resources, including many copies of our bereavement resource ‘Life Changes’.

Lions MD 105 Lifeskills has received news that they have been successful in their application to Lions Quest in applying for a grant for $57,373 in partnership with Ambition UK to ‘Train, deliver, monitor and evaluate the US Lions Quest Skills for Adolescence resources in a range of settings and pilot them throughout the Multiple District’. Feedback will be compiled through the joint partnership arrangement for the next stage of development.

LIONS LIFESKILLS RESOURCES and DEVELOPMENT

Both the primary (3-11 year olds) and secondary (11-16 year olds) ‘Life Changes’ resources have been written by Dr Erica Brown who is internationally renowned for her work on loss and bereavement and is a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Worcester and Research Fellow at Coventry University, Vice President of Acorns Children’s Hospices, Member of Birmingham Children’s Hospital Chaplaincy Team and a Board Member of the Bereavement Research Forum, to name but a few.

Loss and death are never easy subjects to contemplate, raising the questions about our own mortality, the meaning of life and issues of human relationships. For young people the subject may be viewed as a major anomaly and a particularly unwelcome and untimely subject. The majority of children and young people (as high as 90%) are reported to have experienced adverse life events and what they consider to be the loss of a ‘close’ or ‘significant’ relationship, before 16 years of age.

The resources that Lions provide: Life Changes for 3-11 year olds and a newly developed Life Changes for 11-16 year olds breaks new ground in helping teachers and professionals develop a proactive whole school approach to loss and change in children’s and young people’s lives (teaching about life experience of loss and change) and a reactive approach that gives guidance on how best to help children and young people when sad things happen.

To enable the secondary resource to be made available, Lions Lifeskills are seeking sponsorship for ‘Life Changes – loss, change and bereavement for 11-16 year olds’.

CHALLENGES

Our challenge remains to convince our Lions Clubs of the value these resources have with those working with children and young people in their communities, although the resources we provide are working with current issues facing children and young people for example, bullying, obesity, sexual health and relationships, health and well-being, loss, change and bereavement. Every Lions Club has been asked to appoint its own Club Lifeskills Officer and our own District Lifeskills Officers are only too willing to assist them. Obtaining the necessary platforms at Zone and Club meetings to inform Lions has proved to be a practical difficulty.
OPPORTUNITIES

Our youth organisations contain many enthusiastic young people who would benefit from our resources if they came to know of them.

We need to revisit our schools making these resources available and remembering that:-

- Lions have a wide range of high-quality relevant Lifeskills resources.
- Lions own 'Lions MD 105 Lifeskills' for the purpose of assisting children and young people. We all want it to succeed.
- Lions have over 750 Lions Clubs each with approximately 8 schools teaching 3000 pupils, many of whom would benefit from our resources.

In District BN two grants adjacent to local clubs have applied for funding to distribute alcohol based resources within specific communities. If this is successful it could form the basis of working across other communities that Lions Clubs serve.

DISTRICT LIFESKILLS OFFICERS

I would like to thank our District Lifeskills Officers for their perseverance and support and also to thank those Lions Clubs who have designated a Club Lifeskills Officer to assist them.

Report of Young Leaders in Service Officer
Lion Sally Marsh

On 1st January 2017 Oakbrook changed the design of the YLiS certificates and for other countries the method of obtaining awards. Clubs will have received an email from me explaining that MD 105 will be keeping the system that we have been using since 2015, and therefore should ignore the email from Oakbrook. Please continue with YLiS in MD105 using the logbooks and form YLiS 1 and then at the end of the 12 months service send the completed logbooks together with forms YLiS 2 and YLiS 3 to your District Officer. District Officers will, as previously, submit the form to me for the issuing of certificates. The Young Leaders will continue to receive a certificate with foil seal, a letter of congratulations and a cloth badge or metal pin. Clubs have been contacting me with their concerns about the change, please be assured that as a MD we will be continuing as before. The YLiS club guide is on the MD website for clubs to refer to.

Since my report to convention last year, between March 2016 until February 2017, 63 clubs have recognised 593 Young Leaders in their communities. These Young Leaders have provided 56,295 hours of voluntary service. When these hours are added to those already recorded for the Young Leaders in Service centennial challenge the total from July 2014 to February 2017 is 164,575.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those clubs involved with YLiS for the work they do to promote the scheme and recognise the amazing young people in their communities. To those clubs who have been presenting YLiS Awards for several years and those who have become involved during the past 12 months, keep up the good work.

To those clubs out there who have not yet become involved with YLiS please consider taking the awards up in your club. It would also be great to see more Leos receiving YLiS Awards, I know they are out there working hard for their communities. From taking part in Young Leaders in Service the young people will; experience the rewards of giving service to local people, become involved with local Lions and Leos, make new friends and find new interests, and also enhance their C.V. Besides the benefits to the young people Lions will experience the rewards of supporting young people, gain publicity from YLiS activities and increase the profile
of Lions in their community. Starter packs are available from the Youth stand at this convention, please come and see us.

We have a YLiS Facebook page which needs to be constantly kept up to date, the YLiS team need your help to do this. So please send me your reports and photos of the young leaders, especially those of the young leaders taking part in activities as well as presentations. There are plans to launch a Young Leaders in Service website that will have information specifically for the young people.

The MD has a team of dedicated officers who are available to support and advise clubs. Thank you to them for all the work they put to help clubs in their Districts. Contact details are in the MD Directory or use youngleaders@lionsclubs.co and I will send you the information you will need and put you in touch with your District Officer.

**Report of Young Ambassadors’ Committee Chairman**

**Lion from Glenys Sanders**

Another good year for the Young Ambassador scheme has just been completed with a very successful event at Dudley where, for the first time for 3 years, all 13 Districts were represented in the MD Finals.

In September 2016, a well attended meeting of the District Officers was held at MDHQ. As a team, we find it useful to meet together as it enables us to have fuller discussions on our aims and objectives for the year. As ever, the main topic is how to improve the inclusion of clubs into District Finals.

This year 4 clubs had only one candidate – although they were worthy candidates, this can serve to reduce the calibre of the candidates overall. There still seems to be a reluctance on the part of many clubs to support this scheme – unfortunate as the future of our organisation relies on recruiting the next generation of community-minded young people.

Earlier in the year the Multiple District was represented in the European Young Ambassador Competition, (to be known as ‘The Bert Mason Award’ in the future) held at the Europa Forum in Sofia, Bulgaria, by Gurleen Kaur, our winner in 2016. There were seven very committed young people in the final and although Gurleen was not placed, she was an excellent representative for MD105.

The Multiple District Final was held at Dudley as usual on the weekend of 24th-26th February. It was the best attended event we have had with increased numbers for the social events and very few empty seats for the Sunday morning presentations.

The presentations of the young people were, as ever, inspirational and extremely diverse. They achieve so much in their communities whilst also studying for their examinations. After a day of interviews and intensive deliberation, the panel of judges chose James Curtis, sponsored by Milton Keynes Stony Stratford Lions Club and representing 105A, as our new Young Ambassador. The ‘Shipshape Award’ was presented to Lewis Baillie, representing 105NE and sponsored by Teesdale Lions Club.

In 2015, James Lingfield won the ‘Shipshape Award’. As he unfortunately has Muscular Dystrophy, he needed a buddy. His buddy was Heidi Nathan and they went on the trip in July 2016 when James reached 16 years of age. He and his family were invited to Dudley and James and Heidi gave an excellent presentation/video during the Sunday Presentation Ceremony. A high spot of the morning and good for so many to understand the value of this award and what it involves.
Thanks are due again to the members of Dudley Lions Club for their continuing help and support over the Finals weekend. There is still no corporate sponsor so the candidates’ bursaries were again paid by the Youth Trust.

Unfortunately, there was a shortage of District Governors/1st Vice District Governors at the Presentation ceremony. Their attendance would surely lead to a better understanding of this competition and its value to our Lions Organisation.

Report of Youth Exchange Officer
Lion Keith Mates

1. Overview
   • This is an international project that as Multiple District Officer I had to sign a pledge to ensure that the project is run according to the international policies and practices surrounding Youth Exchange. This means that I have overall responsibility within MD105 for all aspects of the project.
   • The Council of Governors scrutinize my actions and the plans for the Youth Camp part of the project before making a recommendation to the MD105 Youth Trust which finances the camp.
   • Youth Exchange District Officers arrange the host families and liaise with me with travelling arrangements. The host families are supported by Clubs, Zones and Districts as appropriate. All Lions who incur costs can claim their expenses from their Club Charity Accounts.

2. MD support for Clubs
   • To assist Clubs I have updated the MD105 website with a guide book that can be downloaded together with application forms and a guide to running a successful Youth Centre and generic handbook for participants to be used by the Youth Centre Director.

3. MD105 status report
   • At the time of writing this report I have accepted 36 young people for the 2017 MD105 program. One candidate is from Japan and due to their school program will not arrive in the UK until 4th August. She will be hosted in SE until 4th August when I will take her to Worcester. D.O. Jackie Williams has agreed to arrange hosting for her after camp until the 21st August when they will then leave from Birmingham Airport. Lion John Barnes is acting as Youth Centre Director on behalf of MD105.
   • I am pleased to report that this year we have had considerable progress in sending young people out from this country. As Deputy for the last two years I have sent out 27 participants. This year I have processed 40 applications and am sending out 38.

4. Progress towards Objectives set for the year
   i) Own Objectives
      1. Objective - To support the District Officers’ in promoting Youth Exchange as a positive cultural and educational program providing young people with a unique opportunity to participate in everyday life in another culture.
         Progress – My deputy attended Europa Forum on behalf of myself and MD105. I would like to thank Lion Raza and Jasmin for representing me.
      2. Objective - To promote the program as a two way experience for participant’s families going from MD105.
Progress – Progress on this is going to be slow but out of the twenty applications received this year three have agreed to be hosts next year. Further work is needed on this.

3. Objective - To raise the profile of Youth Exchange throughout the Multiple District by facilitating participants attending this Multiple District to get involved in a major service project.

Progress – I have arranged for the participants of the Youth Centre to assist as volunteers at the Special Olympics to be held at Sheffield this August.

ii) Centennial Targets if applicable

100,000 hours of Service – The service project referred to in my third objective will deliver about 368 hours of service based on 40 participants and six staff attending the SOGB opening ceremony giving 8 hours each to 2,600 athletes.

iii) Members website content – On receipt of the new MD directory I will contact the Information Technology Officer Lion Dave Allen to produce an informative webpage for the benefit of all Lions in the MD.

Progress: I have written a ‘How to Guide’ for Clubs which will contain the relevant forms Clubs need to download. I have designed a non-Lions host application which has been approved by the MD Data Protection Officer.

5. Progress towards 3 Year Objectives:

1. Objective - To liaise with all MD Officers throughout the world and ensure MD105 are represented at Europa Forum Youth Exchange seminar.

Progress – Lion Raza Ismail attended Sofia in October and I am going to Montreux in 2017 if re-appointed.

2. Objective - As our program is aimed at young people aged between 16 and 22 I will develop all media platforms used by this age group and link them together to ensure good communications between both participants and Lions.

Progress – I update both Twitter and Facebook to promote this youth program to the youth of the British Isles. The addresses of both pages are: [https://twitter.com/?lang=en-gb](https://twitter.com/?lang=en-gb) & [https://www.facebook.com/UK-Youth-Exchange-Youth-Centre-Information-Page-1437278966540070/](https://www.facebook.com/UK-Youth-Exchange-Youth-Centre-Information-Page-1437278966540070/). As participants in our program are accepted they will be directed to the pages.

3. Objective - To raise the profile of Youth Exchange throughout the Multiple District by facilitating participants attending this Multiple District to get involved in a major service project.

Progress – I am liaising with Officers of SE to design a project for 2018 camp at Chichester. District SE have agreed that I can organise a youth camp in Chichester but I am not in a position to put the project before the council at this time. The venue is proposed to be Chichester Park Hotel at £45 per head including three meals a day and V.A.T. More details will be given in future reports. District E have declined to host 2019.

6. Other matters: I want to look at a different type of camp in 2019. This is ambitious but done in other countries. I would like to try a travelling camp spending a number of days at different locations throughout MD105. The country is diverse and would lend itself to this type of event. As this to my knowledge not been done in MD105 I am starting with a blank piece of paper. It will require all the District Officers working with me to achieve this goal.
Report of the Peace Poster Competition
MDHQ

This year marks the 30th anniversary of this international Lions competition and in that time has had over four million young people who have participated in the contest in over 100 Countries worldwide. We now have a new range of publicity material and redesigned Peace Poster packs reflecting the nature of this competition. Packs are available from MDHQ.

The international Peace Poster competition continues along with the other Lions’ Youth Programmes to be well respected throughout our Multiple District. We have wonderful examples of Clubs working side by side with Youth in schools, colleges and Youth Clubs especially at a time when Youth generally can be so misrepresented in the media. Young Leaders in Service, Young Ambassadors, Youth Exchange Programmes are excellent examples of this union.

This competition remains one of the programmes promoting Youth, both at District and at Club level, officers work tirelessly to promote the theme for the year. The competition we have recently judged was simply entitled ‘A Celebration of Peace” and hundreds of young people took part. The winners from each of our 13 Districts were judged at Headquarters in December by independent judges from within the creative field. The winner was Grace Medley aged 12 sponsored by 105BS Cannock Lions Club.

Grace and her parents attended UN Day on 14 March 2017 at the Houses of Parliament where Grace received her winner’s cheque and certificate from Past International President, Al Brandel. A copy of her artwork is shown here.