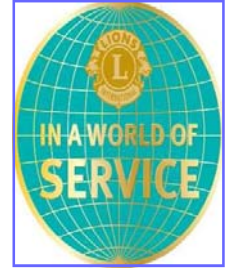




District Governor's Newsletter



RUGELEY LIONS GRAND PRESENT



When Laura Newton contacted Rugeley and District Lions Club asking for some special needs equipment for her son, Jared, she had little idea of the box of delights that they were going to get.

Jared attends Greenhall Nursery, a school based in Stafford which specialises in early intervention for children with motor disabilities and associated learning difficulties. Greenhall Nursery is a recognised

centre of excellence for conductive education where learning often takes place through play opportunities using toys, games and songs to make it fun. Essential to the school's success is the support it offers parents and to help them continue with their child's education in the home the school offers a wide range of sensory equipment for loan from their toy library.

Toys designed for special needs children have to be well constructed and can be very expensive so Rugeley and District Lions seized upon this opportunity to help not only Jared and his mum but also other local families by giving a late Christmas present donation to the school to help restock their toy library.

Hopefully, these resources will help to improve the quality of life for many children and their families.



HAVE LIONS CHANGED WITH THE TIMES?

Think about it, are we caught in a timewarp?

As a well known politician says, *It is time for Change.*

I was sent this picture and it made me think, not just about those pictured, but about the organisation. **ED**



Round the Clubs



WREXHAM'S LUCKY STROKE

On Wednesday 20th February members of the Wrexham Maelor Lions Club attended the regular fortnightly meeting of the Wrexham & District Stroke & Social Club to present the club organisers Keith & Meriel Samuels and the club members with a cheque for £351.00. Lion President Joan explain that Lion Eric partner of the PDG Beryl Roberts had chosen the Stroke Association as his charity which has supported 13 clubs within the District.

The donation of £351.00 has come at an oppor-

tune time for the Wrexham & District Stroke Club and will go towards funding come of the activities scheduled to be part of their summer events. These include a concert at Ysgol Morgan Llwyd, a trip around the local countryside and a meal and a weekend stay in a hotel in Llandudno.

Wrexham Maelor Lions members were delighted to make this presentation and were very well rewarded with a musical entertainment, tea and biscuits.



DG Says What a Relief

The month of March and moving into spring with, hopefully, the worst of the winter weather behind us. A time for daffodils and other bulbs to burst into life, heralding warmer weather. It reminds me that the Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal is round the corner; well done to all clubs who are collecting on their behalf. Now that Lions are officially linked to Marie Curie, there will be benefits on the day from members wearing their tabards and publicity gained from Lion features on their website and in their newsletters. Our association with a nationally established charity such as Marie Curie will generate greater recognition of Lions.

The St Asaph Appeal has now moved past the initial target, and currently at stands at £54,000; a fantastic response from Multi District and, in particular, from clubs in BS. Many thanks to all those that have contributed and you will be pleased to know that work has now commenced on distributing aid to those in need. Thanks also go to Lions Kevin and Tom from Prestatyn & Rhyl club who continue to work tirelessly to support the relief work. I will keep you updated as their reports are received.

I have referred to Leos clubs in previous newsletters and can now confirm that there is regular activity in Vale Royal club as they are linking with a local college to launch a Leos club in September. My understanding is that schools and colleges are being encouraged to promote community service activity with students as part of their personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education, so it could be a good time to make contact locally and investigate any opportunities. Students involved in such work are also ideal candidates for YLIS, and this scheme is gaining momentum throughout the district. And from YLIS participants, there will be the possibility of entrants for the Young Ambassador competition. Whilst this event is a few months away, now is the time to start looking for a

representative from your club.

I have also pointed out previously that effective mentoring of new members is essential, both to integrate them productively into your club and its operation, and to reduce the high loss rate of new members within 3 years of joining Lions. To supplement this, Information Sessions for prospective and newish Lions are being organised by the GLT team; the dates and venues for these will be issued shortly. Please ensure that relevant members and prospective members from your club, together with their mentors, attend one of these sessions; it will benefit them greatly. MyLCI; a letter was circulated during February regarding the introduction of MyLCI, on the Oakbrook website. Clubs are asked to make sure they are connected, please email Dave Elliott without delay so that we can complete stage one. The second stage is to confirm that those members in your club who will be maintaining members' details on MyLCI, know how to use the system. If you have any problems, please discuss them with Dave Elliott.

All preparations for Convention are now complete and I look forward to meeting everyone over the weekend. If you are one of those has not yet decided to go, I do urge you to join us, at least for the business day on Saturday. After all, it is YOUR AGM and it is in your interest to know what has happened over the last 12 months and, more importantly, what is planned for the future. If you are attending Convention for the first time, please make a point of chatting with me; I would be very interested to hear your views of the day. Together we care and can make a difference.

Rob

DG



Cheadle Lions full Steam ahead on Young Leaders In Service' in Cheadle's high schools

Photos show students (Painsley Catholic College) who organised the annual Christmas party for senior citizens. Just one of many community projects carried out by the participating students every year.

Working with young people, enabling them to serve the wider community.





News from District

PEACE POSTER COMPETITION

Produce a piece of art work in the theme

“OUR WORLD OUR FUTURE”

- **AGE LIMITS** You must have been born between 16th November 1999 and 15th November 2002.

YOUR POSTER needs to be:

- **ALL** your **OWN** work
- **SIZE** **Minimum** of 13” by 20” up to a **Maximum** of 20” by 24”
- **IT SHOULD** have no items glued or stuck to it.
- **PRODUCED** on Paper. (Suitable for posting in a tube)
- **CONTAIN** No frame work or edging.
- **HAVE** No lettering or numbering on it.

CLOSING DATE 15TH NOVEMBER 2013

ALL MEDIA accepted but if produced in either Chalk or Charcoal then it must be sealed with a fixative spray in order to prevent smudging.



You Could Win \$5,000



- **PRIZES** Awarded to Winners of each of the following Stages : School, District, British Isles, and International with the International Winner receiving \$5000 & a trip to the USA for themselves and 2 Family members.

Contact : For more information or details on how to enter or get involved call Lion Rick Talbot on 01785 823177 or e-mail him at tabs@pleasemail.me.uk. Peace Poster packs available to Clubs from MDHQ @ £9-00 plus Postage & Packing.



News from Clubs & District

Visiting Lion Latest Results 2012-2013

FINAL RESULTS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT CONVENTION



USED STAMPS

Please send your stamps to
Brian Ward Wrekin Lions
Collector and sorter for Zones 5 -
10.

PR CORNER

There are still websites that are out of date and with the old logo. Please check your club link on the 105BS site. If you have changed your URL please let webmaster Dave Allen know so he can correct the link. If you do not have the current logo could you please upload it on your site and on your stationary etc. I am assuming that there will only be one scrapbook in the competition at convention as I have only heard from one club so far, so judging it will be really swift !
Are you aware that District 105BS has a Facebook page ? I am a great fan of FB it can be a fantastic PR tool for your club. Let me know if

your club has one and we can like your page and share your news.

I hope to see you at Convention next week please say hello and if there is anything I can do to help just ask. (obviously in a PR way) Keep Roaring !

**COME TO 105 BS CONVENTION
AND SEE WHAT MAKES THE
DISTRICT TICK**

30TH CONVENTION

Holiday Inn, Wood Lane.,

Beechwood,

Runcorn. WA7 3HA

The copy deadline for the next issues of the DG's newsletter 22nd March

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