



DISTRICT 105BS NEWSLETTER

District Governor 2013-2014

Lion Dave Handley

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The DG's Bit**International**

April is Family Month – IP Lion Barry is encouraging clubs to sign up for family based activities that include friends of members with an eye to boosting numbers by showing them just what Lions are about and inviting them to become more closely involved. There are a number of suggestions for family orientated projects, such as family and friends lunches, on the LCI web page. Clubs can register their intention to hold a lunch and get it reported on the LCI site. So if April is Family Month then March is Planning Family Month events time. Go to it and surprise us all yet again with the imagination that you show in the events that you put on.

**Conventions**

Telford is no longer on the horizon; it is here - only a couple of weeks now to YOUR convention! This is your AGM and it is your chance to influence the direction your organization will take for the immediate and medium term future. I will be bringing my proposed Re-Zoning to Convention – a re-organization that I believe will help strengthen our District for the future. There are still rooms and places free for the Host Night and the Banquet and Ball – see the booking form on the web site and that has been published in the District mail.

Then we are looking forward to our MD Convention - our opportunity to influence the decisions about our Multiple District and where it is going in the next few years. Another 2 MD Convention flyers are included in the District mail.

Youth Exchange

The youth topic of the month is the annual request for host families to support our Lions Youth Exchange (Inwards) commitment. Anyone who is interested in the tremendous fun that you get entertaining a youngster for 10 days from any one of 20 plus countries scheduled to take part this year should contact District Officer Lion Pauline Hodgkinson of Stoke on Trent Lions Club. It is actually more fun if your club or zone can support 2 or more youngsters as you see the interaction between people from different cultures and readily they become friends.

Football

Our football competition has its first entrants registered for the one day tournament on 24th May and talking to Lions around the District I am hopeful that the promises of teams can be fulfilled. That way we will all have a good day, we will bring the name of Lions Clubs International and our own District to the attention of a good number of mums and dads around our area. If clubs on our district borders would like to throw entry open to their neighbouring Districts, please feel free to do so. The aim of the game is to give young people a competition that they can enjoy and for Lions Clubs to meet younger people in their communities. The more the merrier!

I'll sign off this month with a wish to see you at Convention.

DG Dave



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Report on Multi District Young Ambassador Final Weekend February 2014

Once again I start my report with a Wow!

On Friday 21st February a group of anxious and excited candidates arrived at the Village Hotel, Dudley, to be greeted by last years' winner, Adam Harris, from District 105I who put them at their ease and helped them to gel as a group straight away.

The fun then began in earnest. On Friday evening we had an informal buffet style meal and the candidates then had to take part in an ice breaker activity. Let's just say that their arms needed to be strong for this. This year they had to wind up a string which pulled a wooden tortoise along a race course which in this case was from one end of a table to the other and then along the carpet! The first two back (both girls) then went into the final. There were 10 female candidates and three male candidates. The candidates then pulled their times out for their interviews on Saturday.

Saturday morning came and the candidates with morning interviews went bowling with Dudley Lions. The others remained to wait nervously for their interviews and this process was switched around after lunch. Thankfully, our candidate Christopher Phillips pulled out the first interview of the day which meant that we were able to watch the rugby!

On Saturday evening everybody dressed up smartly for the gala dinner. The meal this year was excellent! After dinner, the candidates worked really hard selling raffle tickets. They decided that the proceeds this year would go towards Adam's charity which is a website to help people with autism to learn how to communicate and socialise with others. Then there was the entertainment!

The candidates had not had very much time but managed to make a room, full of over 100 Lions, laugh for a good fifteen minutes as they gave us their own version of the TV programme Take Me Out. Chris certainly gave Paddy McGuinness a run for his money!

On the Sunday morning came the serious side of the whole weekend. Lions from all over the 13 Districts came to the hotel to listen to the candidates. They gave their three minute presentations about their community work, and projects that they would use the £1000 bursary for if they were successful. Once again this was an extremely humbling experience and I do not know where the candidates get the time to sleep! The other ex-

citing venture which was announced was the setting up of an online compass club for the Young Ambassador Candidates.

I am extremely proud and pleased to report that the winning candidate this year was our District Candidate Christopher Phillips sponsored by Bridgnorth Lions Club. You will hear all about Chris's wonderful work at our District Convention on 15th March. I really look forward to next years' weekend to hear how Chris's projects have developed during his year as Young Ambassador.



From left to right:

DO Lion Gleny Sanders, Chris Phillips, DO Lion Kate Barlow, DG Lion Dave Handley, 2nd VDG Lion Chris Aked.



Chris receives his trophy from Chair of Council Lion Phil Robinson.

District Officer Kate Barlow



New Years Honours for Pam

Pam Talbot from Gnosall Lions Club was recently recognised by the Mid Staffs NHS Trust for her volunteer work as part of the Volunteer Focus Group in their New Year Honours Award ceremony. She was one of only 16 winners encompassing Stafford, Cannock, Stone, Rugeley, Gnosall and surrounding areas. And is one of only a few who have ever won more than 1 award having been a winner in 2011 for her work on the Chemo Unit.

Rick Talbot



The Lion Grove.



The photograph shows Jayne Adcock, wife of the late Lion Tony Adcock accompanied by members of Gnosall Lions Club, planting a tree in his memory. Tony was a keen Lion and the tree is the 3rd to be planted in memory of past members of the club, the others being Lion Jim Meadon and Lion Lynn Powell on the new village green which has just received Village Green status in Gnosall.

DO Lion Rick Talbot, Secretary Gnosall Lions Club

PR

Well it's Convention time soon. I am assuming that there will be no Scrapbook entries as I haven't heard anything from anyone, which is a shame as our District won the MD Competition last year. Remember I asked for Photos and articles for the Community report have had nothing for that as well. I am wondering if our clubs are in hibernation it seems such a shame that we are not spreading the word on what you do, yet we moan that our profile is barely mentioned anywhere. We don't seem to help ourselves at all. On the plus side however Social media in the District seems to be picking up with Facebook pages popping up. Please like and use the District Facebook page and SMILE page there are lots of things you can use when you have nothing to post. We can share our ideas as well. Look forward to seeing you in Telford if you want to have a chat about anything PR wise or you have any ideas for us to use come and find me.

Bev xx





Youth Exchange

The Youth Exchange Programme needs you!



Have you ever thought the peoples of the World need to understand each other better?

Have you ever wondered how you can help?

Fellow Lions we have the very programme that helps to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world. The Lions Clubs International Youth Exchange Programme and Youth Centre help to do just that. Every year we get more youngsters wanting to come here to learn about our way of life, our culture, our heritage and our values. Unfortunately we get more applications than we can accommodate. So we need more hosts. **Actually, we need you.**

This year the hosting period we are offering is from Monday 28th July until Friday 8th August.

Now that may sound a long time to open up your home to a young stranger or two. You may prefer to just cover a part of the time – well that can be arranged too.

You may also think it could be quite expensive to buy extra food and drink and to plan a programme of visits and activities that is entertaining and informative. But also think about the enjoyment of learning about the country and culture of your visitor or visitors.

Ask yourself, how grateful would you be if a Lion in another country offered to look after one of your youngsters for 10 days to help broaden their awareness of the world! Perhaps you and your Club colleagues could get together and share the time and cost; or maybe your Club might like to contribute to the cost and entertainment as part of their service work.

We often find that if you have room to accommodate two youngsters it is often more enjoyable than hosting just one. They are company for each other and it is quite interesting to see how they exchange culture and, in some cases, how similar their cultures are even though they come from thousands of miles apart. Some host families are from the same club or zone and they plan joint activities which helps share the driving and cooking.

As all of our visitors are over 18 years of age, the Criminal Records Bureau check is not necessary. The language of the youth centre is English, so communication is less of an issue; although I have to admit the interpretation of 'Excellent' or 'Good' when it comes to describing the standard of English varies from country to country.

All of the youngsters arrive at Birmingham International Airport and arrangements will need to be made for their onward journey to your home. On Friday, 8th August those youngsters going on to this year's Youth Exchange scheme go to, or can be taken to, the University of Surrey in Guildford where they will take part in this year's Youth Centre until Monday 18th August. All our Hosts will be invited to attend the "Welcome Gala" to say farewell to your guests. Full details of this and the youths' programme in Guildford can be found by following the links on our MD Website.

The Youth Exchange Programme is not just about us in MD105 receiving young visitors. We can also send our own children or grandchildren or local deserving youngsters to many countries across the world who also participate in this fantastic opportunistic scheme for youngsters. Ask your Youth Exchange District Officer how you can get involved. Have a look at the Youth Camps your youngsters can visit.

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Youth Exchange continued.....

See :- <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php>, click on "Our Work", then "Youth Program", then "Youth Camp and Exchange Program" and eventually you will find a link to the "Youth Camp and Exchange Directory". Here you will find countries and their camps that our children can visit. Of course because Lions take the health and safety of all our youngsters extremely seriously there are protocols to be followed and an application form must be filled in. This has to be initiated by a Lions Club and sent to your District Officer and then to our Multiple District Coordinator to ensure the applicant is within the right age range for example, and we try to give priority to those who have not been on a similar scheme before.

So, why don't you help the peoples of the World to understand each other better? Please help.

Lion Pauline Hodgkinson

DO Youth Exchange 105 BS bandp.hodgkinson@btinternet.com

and Lion Paul Withers MD Youth Exchange officer

Tamworth Lions Have A New Member!

Tamworth Lions moved into 2014 with a brand new Lion!

Lion Corey Keeling, our youngest member, formally became a Lion on 1st January of this year.

The first task that Corey has accomplished is to set up for Tamworth Lions a Facebook account, on:

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/TamworthLions>

Also, Corey has also set up an Easy Fundraising Account, allowing members, family and friends to contribute to Lions worthy causes. For more details, go to:

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tamworthlions>

It is hoped that the club may now attract younger members who are also keen on service to their community, based on Corey's example.

Tamworth Lions will be holding their annual Race Night and Fish & Chip Supper on Saturday, 1st March, at Wilnecote Hall, Watling St, Tamworth B77 5AD, cost of tickets/programmes £7.00 per person – for more details, please contact us on 0845 833 9554, 01827 706 591, or geoff.trevena@gmail.com

Lion Geoff. Trevena



Welcome to the new members in February....

Burntwood	Christine Harvey	Dawn Snelling
Cannock	Christopher Moxham	Lisa Moxham
Sale	Hellen Allen	Steve Bryant
Whitchurch	John Parry	
Wrekin	Laura Smith	
Wrexham Maelor	Paul Townend	
	Also, a Lion transferred in	
Wirral	Richard Banyard	





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Travelling Lion

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Points as at 18.02.14	Points
Club	
Stoke on Trent	245
Stone	125
Cannock	112
Tamworth	97
Little Orme	73
Llandudno	76
Flint	64
Beaumaris	52
Newcastle under Lyme	56
Beaumaris	52
Telford	45

***The copy deadline for the next issue of the District Newsletter is
22nd March 2014***

Please send everything in electronic format
(**Word documents with *separate* Jpegs**) to me.

Can correspondents please check days and dates for accuracy.

Please identify key people in any relevant photographs otherwise the impact of the
story line may be severely compromised by the omission.

Newsletter Contact is:-

bsnewsletter@lions105bs.org.uk

Many thanks to all our readers. John Whitehouse (Ed)



Puzzle Corner

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9 letters, one each in vertical and horizontal row and also each square, simple!

I am afraid that last month's KU was rather difficult, so I have put in a much easier one this month. We only had one solution submitted, and that was by Shirley (Shirl the girl) Vaughan. There is at least one other solution!

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Solution to February MY LIONS—KU

Let's see who will be the first to email me the solution at bsnewsletter@lions105bs.org.uk

Now, let's see who has got the brains!

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As last month, please email your completed solutions.

The first 3 correct answers will be published in our next edition along with the correct solution.

Have fun, ED

From the clues below, the first answer is a 6 letter word. Fill in the relevant column. Now remove one letter to give you the second clue and put the unused letter in column A. Now remove another letter to get the next 4 letter answer, again putting the unused letter in column B. The 2 columns, when completed, will spell out a well known phrase to you. Hint: The letters may not, necessarily, be in the same order.

1. Puzzle or sieve; removed moisture; travel by horse.
2. _____ con carne; make colder; Jack & Jill went up one.
3. She _____ to conquer; halts; _____ and pans.
4. Recent medical student; bury; used to control a horse.
5. Set viewing ages for films; old hag; _____ upon a time.
6. Running against others; wheat, maize etc.; telephoned.
7. Time pieces; male chickens; worn on foot.
8. Grow or green vegetable; Alain _____, F1 driver; golf teachers.
9. Burst ones _____ or gum; Michael _____, singer; 5th colour in rainbow.
10. Decoration on banners; rob; not on time.