



DISTRICT 105BS NEWSLETTER

District Governor 2014-2015

Lion Carole Godden



DG's Bit

There is absolutely no doubt that the highlight of this month has been the Young Ambassador multi district finals in Dudley. I promised myself that I would go along for the whole weekend during my year as DG. I was not disappointed. It was inspiring to listen to twelve incredible young people aged between fourteen and eighteen as they told us about their diverse projects. Every one of them is already a winner.

I certainly didn't envy the judges as they deliberated to decide upon the winner. They were tasked to do just this though, and eventually agreed that the young ambassador who will go forward to represent our MD at the Europa Forum is Orla Jackman from District I. Winner of the Shipshape award was fourteen year old James Lingfield from District A. He will go on to experience life on board a tall ship. Warm congratulations to both these wonderful young people.

Our own Hannah, supported by Cannock Lions Club was a marvellous contestant and we thank her for representing us with such energy and enthusiasm.

Last year's winner, our ambassador, Chris Phillips from BS was there to mentor the competitors and he did a sterling job. He also updated us on the awe inspiring progress he has made with his project since last year. Thank you to the lions of BS who joined us on the Sunday morning to hear the youngsters as they gave their presentations. I would encourage as many of you as possible to go along next year to be part of this very important and most enjoyable MD event.

Much time has been spent in recent weeks in preparing for our forthcoming convention to be held at The Moat House in Stoke from Friday 13th to Sunday 15th March. It promises to be an interesting and entertaining weekend. If you haven't booked yet, the form is available on the district web site. Come along and be part of the decision making and the fun.

March is indeed set to be a busy month. Several clubs will be celebrating their charter anniversaries, a new branch is about to be launched and we will be holding UN Day in Wrexham on the 29th. Further details can be found in this newsletter. It would be wonderful to have a good attendance to celebrate unity, diversity and working together.

Our teams continue to be out and about, working hard to fulfil their obligations for the benefit of us all. DG team met early in the month, with a second meeting planned for tomorrow when PDG Shirley will be present to begin planning for the centennial in 2017. It seems like a long way off but time flies and it will be here before we know it. Watch this space for details as they are announced. The centenary will provide us with a massive opportunity to show the world what lions do, and to showcase our great successes.

Hopefully, Spring, bringing with it some warmer weather is just around the corner!

Carole
DG

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BS CONVENTION NEWS

International Guest—BOOKED—Past International President Jimmy Ross

Social events—ORGANISED—Bookings still available if you hurry!

Business Session—ORGANISED—Agenda finalised, Convention papers distributed

Delegates—BOOKED—Come and make your votes count!

Key Speakers—BOOKED—Covering Local radio, Meningitis, Prostate Cancer, District Plan & MD Convention

Young Ambassador—BOOKED—Listen to the marvellous work done by our young guest.

LIONS—YOU ARE NOW NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE EVENT—WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

CONVENTION DITTY

Courtesy of Lion Sarah Cowling

We are all here for District Convention

Too many things to mention

Some people in fancy dress

Some just dressed to impress

Welcome one and all

Lets hope we all have a ball

Tonight's theme is Chinese

Which I thought would be a breeze

I first thought bone china

What could be finer

I was told it was the country

I found this hard speaking bluntly

If it was Japanese

I'd be sorted with ease

I already have a geisha outfit

For Chinese that would not fit

Got my costume sorted

Had to have it imported



Top Ten TRAVELLING LIONS to February 2014

Stoke on Trent	189
Stone	103
Cannock	91
Tamworth	91
Telford	71
Llandudno	60
Ellesmere Port	51
Leek	47
Little Orme	45
Beaumaris	36

Visiting/Travelling Lions forms need to be sent to me within 21 days of the event so that I can get the forms to head office within 28 days.

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Report on Multi District Young Ambassador Final Weekend February 2015

Once again I start my report with a Wow!

Gradually, on Friday 20th February a group of anxious and excited candidates arrived at the Village Hotel, Dudley to be met by last years' winner Christopher Phillips from District BS and put at their ease and gel as a group straight away.



Our candidate Hannah (with balloons on her head) and the winning team on the Friday night.

The fun then began in earnest on Friday evening where we had an informal buffet style meal and the candidates then had to take part in an ice breaker activity. This year they were split into two teams and had to build the tallest free-standing tower from balloons and sellotape. I am very a happy to say that our candidate, Hannah Telles was in the winning team! The candidates then pulled out their times for their interviews on the Saturday.

Saturday morning came and the candidates with morning interviews then went bowling with Dudley Lions and the others remained to wait nervously for their interviews and this process was switched around after lunch.

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 and they decided that the proceeds this year would go towards purchasing a defibrillator for the use of Lions in our multi district, to be kept at MDHQ and taken out and about to Lions events. The raffle raised £500 of this total and then there was an auction of the prizes that people won but handed back. PID Lion Phil Nathan led the auction in his own style and the total of £850 was raised. 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 The Jeremy Kyle Show. I will never be able to look at a hamster again without having a little chuckle to myself!

Then came the serious side of the whole weekend on the Sunday morning where Lions from all over the 13 Districts came to the hotel to listen to the candidates give 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 winning candidate this year was Orla Jackman from District I. Our candidate Hannah Telles sponsored by Cannock Lions did the District proud and I am extremely proud of her. You will hear all about Hannah's wonderful work at our District Convention on 14th March.

DO Kate Barlow

Young Ambassadors 2015 with their District Officers and MDO Lion Glenys Sanders (in the green jacket in the centre) on the Sunday morning before the presentations





A Warm Welcome to New members in February



Buckley & Mold

Martin Davey

Market Drayton

Ruth Glover

Romiley Marple

David McPherson

Telford

James Robinson

APOLOGIES

Many apologies to our regular contributors for items submitted but not included.

The Editor has been building new wooden decking in Cornwall, and is just working out how to get in !





ALL SMILES AT ALSAGER

Prior to Christmas Alsager Lions collected at the local Tesco store, in Kidsgrove, to help the Donna Louise Childrens Hospice Trust.

Picture shows Lion President Sam Alcock presenting a cheque for £150.00 to John and Ann Weatherall of the Trust, who were delighted to receive the cheque and thanked the Alsager Lions Club for their help

Looking on Lions Pam Lowerson, Ken Livingston and Phil Westhead.



LEEK'S YOUNG LEADERS

On Tuesday 10th Feb The Lions club of Leek attended Endon High School For the first presentation of 10 YLIS Awards. The Awards were presented by DG Carole.

The students have carried out an extremely wide and varied list of community tasks and have all thoroughly enjoyed the process. They will be visiting our clubs March meeting to give us their version of what the YLIS scheme meant to them. There are another 18 students who have just embarked on the second phase of the YLIS award, also Scouts from 5th Leek have started the project and we hope soon to have the Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Cadet scheme involved.

The club has a close relationship with the school and has supported their student exchange programme with students from Kathmandu, who incidentally will be visiting Endon at the end of March this year.



**PR CORNER**

Well everyone must be very busy because it is all very quiet. On Facebook, NL in general. What are you all up to I wonder ?

As you know it is Convention Month and I look forward to seeing you there, come and have a chat. We want your opinions about the Newsletter and what you want from your PR team. Also if you have any ideas that have worked for you. We need to share our ideas find out what works and what doesn't. As the District Website is yours so is the Newsletter.

Has every club had their allocation of Community reports ? Don't forget you are allowed 30 per club as well as one for each member they are a fab PR tool.

Let us know if you are collecting for Marie Curie I am interested to find out if you have had to book your collecting sessions online. I know there were some great PR photos last year with some very fetching gents in daffodil hats !

Have not had any selfies as of yet—come on 105BS ! I know that social media is still daunting to you but little steps at a time. It is the way we will be promoting ourselves for FREE. Remember when mobile phones first came out and people thought they would never catch on ! I bet most of you have one and I am sure it is on all of the time !

The MD & District websites are being updated at the moment so they might not always be available just try later. Any major problems let us know. Have not had any notification for scrapbooks for competition so I am assuming there are no entries. Hope not, because we want the MD shield back in 105BS.

So see you at Convention.

Bev



Check out the Facebook page for Convention 2016—currently under Zone Chair Deb Owens name

The copy deadline for the next issue of the District Newsletter is 22nd March 2015

Please send everything in electronic format as attachments

(Word documents, Calibri 11 pt. with separate Jpegs)

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