

Lions Clubs International
District 105C
47th Annual Convention



**The Holiday Inn - Doncaster,
Warmsworth, Doncaster
11th February 2012**

Welcome fellow Lions, Leo's, Lionesses, Partners and Friends to this our 47th Lions District 105C Convention at the Holiday Inn Doncaster.

Convention is the Annual General Meeting of our District and as such, I believe it should be a forum where you, the members, can have your say and question your District Officers and International Representatives on current programmes and future plans.

I have prepared an interesting and hopefully enjoyable programme for you this weekend which will allow time for debate and discussion as well as afford you the opportunity to ask questions.

I would like to thank our special International Guest, Past International Director Patti Hills and her husband Lion Gregory Holmes for taking time to share this special occasion with us this weekend. I would also like to thank the Civic Mayor of Doncaster Cllr Eva Hughes and Mr Derek Hughes for taking time out of their busy schedule to open our Convention.

My sincere thanks also go to PDG Brian Yeoman and his Committee for all the hard work they have done to ensure that this will be a weekend to remember. Planning a Convention is a time consuming business and this committee has worked hard and should now enjoy the fruits of their labour.

The success in the District this year is also a result of a magnificent team effort. The dedication and commitment of my District Officers has helped to strengthen our District and I thank them all for their hard work.

One of my biggest supporters is a person who stays in the background and ensures that I never leave home without my chain or speech and that I actually know where I am going that night. My Special thanks go to my wife Rosemary for all her support, encouragement and proof reading throughout this year.

Finally I would like to thank you, the members of Lions Clubs International District 105C, for all the hard work and Service you have done this year. As a District we are putting the "We" back into "We Serve"

Ian Thornhill
District Governor
District 105C

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6	Welcome to Convention PID Patti Hill and Lion Gregory Holmes	Escorted by 1st VDG Lion Ken Wild
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10	Flag Ceremony and Anthems	
11	Welcome	DG Ian Thornhill
12	Code of Ethics	ZC Sheila Rawson
13	Lions Purposes	ZC Pat Bee
14	In Memoriam	DO Lion Eileen Smith
15	Necrology	ZC David McDowell
16	Introduction of Civic Mayor of Doncaster Cllr Eva Hughes	ZC Mike Webb
17	Official Opening of LCI District 105C Convention 2012	Cllr Hughes
18	Vote of thanks	ZC Terry Hollyhead
19	Ladies and Guests leave Convention	Sgt at Arms Brian Yeoman
20	Announcements	Sgt at Arms Brian Yeoman
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59	Peace Poster Winner	DO PDG Janet Weatherill
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STANDING ORDERS

1. The District Governor or in his absence, the most recent Past District Governor, shall preside at Convention, or failing this, some other District Officer to be elected forthwith by the members of the Cabinet then present in person, provided that no candidate for the post of District Governor or Vice District Governor shall so preside.
2. The District Governor shall have discretion in selecting speakers, in deciding the number of speakers to any resolution/amendment and in terminating discussion whenever he considers it appropriate.
3. The Chairman, being entirely neutral, shall not be a delegate of his club. If at any time he wishes to express a personal opinion on a matter under discussion, he shall vacate the chair for this purpose.

SPEAKERS

4. On the Chairman standing, any speaker shall yield to the chair and immediately resume his seat.
5. Any delegate wishing to speak on any resolution / amendment, or other matter of business, must use a microphone, announce his name and Club and address the chair.
6. a) Resolutions / Amendments by District Cabinet will be moved and seconded by nominees on behalf of the District Cabinet
b) Each Resolution or Amendment as circulated must be formally moved by a representative of the Club, which submitted that Resolution or Amendment to the chairman of the Resolutions committee. All Resolutions and Amendments must be formally seconded by a representative of a Club other than that Club moving such Resolution or Amendment. No Resolution or Amendment may be withdrawn without the consent of a majority of the voting delegates at Convention unless there are no representatives present to move and second a Resolution or Amendment in which case the matter will fail by default
7. a) If no delegates are present from a Club submitting a Resolution / Amendment then, unless that club advises the Resolutions Officer in writing at least ten days before the commencement of Convention of the names of a proposer and seconder from another club the Resolution / Amendment shall be withdrawn unless Convention shall otherwise decide. With this one exception no Resolution / Amendment may be withdrawn without consent of Convention
b) If a Resolution be withdrawn with the consent of Convention and there is an amendment to that Resolution then that amended Resolution shall become the substantive Resolution.
c) All resolutions / Amendments shall be moved and seconded before consideration by Convention and not more than one Resolution / Amendment shall be discussed at any one time.
d) A delegate shall not move more that one amendment to any resolution, nor shall the mover of a Resolution move any amendment to such Resolution.
e) Where appropriate, Resolutions / Amendments will be put for consideration immediately following the adoption of the relevant Committee Chairman's or Specialist Officer's Report.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

8. The Chairman shall have discretion to submit an emergency Resolution / Amendment for consideration at convention provided: -
 - a) Where appropriate, the Resolution / Amendment was received by him in writing before the commencement of the opening session of Convention
 - b) In his opinion, the Resolution / Amendment could not reasonably have been submitted to the Resolutions Officer on or before the closing dates published for their receipt by him.
 - c) Convention consents by a majority or registered delegates present and voting to the resolution/Amendment being so considered.

DELEGATES TO SPEAK ONLY ONCE

9. a) A delegate shall not speak more than once to the same Resolution / Amendment without the consent of Convention
b) Only the Chairman, or the mover of a Resolution, exercising his right or reply, shall speak more than once on any Resolution.

TIME LIMIT FOR SPEAKERS

10. a) The proposer of a Resolution / Amendment will be permitted a maximum of three minutes to put his case and after doing so shall formally move the Resolution / Amendment. Normally the seconder will formally second the Resolution and may reserve the right to speak later. At the conclusion of the debate and before a vote is taken on the Resolution, the proposer of the Resolution shall have the right of reply for the purpose of answering questions or clarifying points raised. He will not be permitted to introduce fresh arguments and shall not be allowed more than two minutes for this purpose

b) The mover of an amendment shall not be entitled to the right of reply except when an original Resolution has been displaced by an amendment which has become a substantive Resolution in accordance with clause 7 b) above when the right of reply ensues to the mover of the amendment.

c) Candidates for the office of District Governor, Vice District Governor or International Director, will be permitted a maximum of five minutes to address Convention prior to ballot for that office.

11. a) With the exception of time limits stated in clause 10 (a) & (c) every speaker in general debate will be limited to one minute and must direct his speech strictly to the report/Resolution/Amendment under discussion.

b) The times specified for speakers may be exceeded only with the approval of Convention.

VOTING

12. The voting on any Resolution / Amendment on general business shall be by show of Delegate cards of those present and voting and the chairman shall declare the result or order a count. If the chairman's declaration is challenged by twenty or more delegates the votes shall be counted.

13. a) Elections of candidates for office shall be by secret written ballot and the candidate receiving more than half the total votes cast shall be declared elected. A secret ballot will be held even if there is only one candidate.

b) In the event of there being more than two candidates and no candidate receives more than half the total votes cast, successive ballots shall be held until one of the candidates shall receive more than half the total votes cast. In the second and subsequent ballots the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes cast in the previous ballot shall be excluded.

c) When there is a ballot between two candidates, prior to that ballot, the District Governor will complete a ballot form as his casting vote. He will then give this in a sealed envelope to the District Nominations and Resolutions Officer, who will, on completion of the ballot, hand the envelope along with the ballot boxes to the senior scrutineer who will use the casting vote only if the ballot produces a tie.

d) All ballot papers will be destroyed as soon as possible after the conclusion of Convention.

14. Voting for Convention Host Club will be by a show of delegate cards of those present and voting and a simple majority will decide. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn.

MOTION TO PROCEED TO NEXT BUSINESS

Any delegate, provided he has not already spoken on the matter under discussion, may move at any time that Convention proceeds to the next business and if this resolution be seconded the Chairman shall put the motion to Convention and if it is carried by a simple majority, he will then proceed to the next agenda item.

POINT OF ORDER OR QUESTION

Any delegate may, at any time. Ask a question or raise a point of order through the Chair, but must confine the question or point of order to the subject before Convention.

QUORUM

The registered delegates (or registered alternates if a registered delegate is absent) in attendance at a session of Convention shall constitute a quorum provided that their number is thirty-five or more, in accordance with District 105C Constitution. (Article VII Section 12: and Article XIII)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Any one or more of these standing orders may be suspended by resolution of Convention in relation to a specific item of business properly before Convention provided that at least two thirds of the delegates present and voting shall vote for the resolution.

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Nomination for District Governor for 2012-2013

Vice District Governor Lion Ken Wild

Nominated by Normanton & District L.C. - Seconded by Mexborough L.C.

District Governor Honoured Guests Lions Lionesses and Leos as I sit trying to put into words the thoughts and hopes that I have for the future of our District, considering how to ask you to support my nomination as District Governor for district 105C for the year 2012 to 2013. I look back on a really eventful two years which seem to have passed in a flash

I don't talk about life outside Lions very often but before I retired I was and still am for that matter a Health and Safety consultant / advisor and have worked all over the UK including offshore oil and gas rigs. I still keep my hand in by carrying out site inspections for a number of small building companies.

Many of you will remember that I lost my wife Kathy 4 years ago this coming March. Those of you that have long memories may also remember that when I stood here some two years ago I introduced you to my present partner and friend Lioness Sylvia Marshall and I can honestly say that she has been a fantastic support and help during the past two years as we have travelled around the district visiting clubs speaking about LEHP and Speech and Hearing and more recently about retention of members and also the problems of attracting new members, but most of all it was about getting to know you our family of Lions.

Speaking of families I have two daughters, five grandchildren (four boys and one girl) and two great grand children (both girls) with two more babies on the way, Sylvia has two children a girl and a boy and two grandchildren both teenage girls

Well that's enough waffle about Sylvia and me let's talk about the Lions, the real reason for this note.

I joined Normanton & District Lions Clubs in 2001 and almost immediately volunteered to be VP2 why? because I wanted to learn about the organisation and what we do and how we do it plus the fact that I like to be involved.

November 2002 when my Club President walked out I found myself as a very inexperienced VP1 trying to pull a very fractured club together again, it took a long while but eventually we managed to get back on to an even keel and I had a very good time during 2003-4 my official year as Club President.

2004-5 Zone chairman for Zone 3b

2005-6 I was invited to become District Officer for the Lions Eye Health Programme, coinciding with the launch of Sight First 2, I handed this job over to Lion Peter Cooper at the beginning of this year.

I took on the additional post as District Speech Hearing Officer in 2008 which included volunteering to train as a Deaf Aware Trainer, which I eventually completed in August of this year. Now we can run deaf aware training sessions in the district.

2008-9 Lion President Normanton & District Lions Club, Second time around, do they call it being recycled or regurgitated, Whatever it is it is still a great feeling to know that your club is helping those in need.

2009-10 Elected Second Vice District Governor for District 105C.

During 2010 I attended the Senior Lions Leadership Seminar in Bologna Italy in October and found it interesting and enjoyable, and also met lions from all over Europe, keeping in touch with many of them.

2010-11 Elected Vice District Governor for District 105C.

Now fellow Lions comes the crunch. This is where I ask you to support my nomination for District Governor for next year. But I also need to ask for your support after this convention because we need to bring Lions in from the cold, we need get ourselves recognised for the great organisation that you and I know we are.

I have a dream in fact there is a whole team of Lions in this district who have the same dream and they have been working on this dream for the past eight months.

They are ready and willing to carry on the work that we have started under District Governor Ian and hopefully will continue in this coming and following years, BUT to achieve our objective we need help from you the Lions from each of the FIFTY plus clubs in the district to work with us, enabling us to become more proactive, better known for who we are and what we do and whilst we are doing it to be seen by Joe Public to be having fun, which hopefully will encourage him or her to want to come and work with us. There is so much that we can do to help those worse off than ourselves, let's get out there and do what we can to make the world a better place for everyone.

Thank you for listening to me but more importantly for your support in helping to make our dreams come true.

VDG Lion Ken Wild.

Nomination for 1st Vice District Governor for 2012-2013

2nd VDG Lion John Hall Nominated by Bridlington L.C. - Seconded by Rotherham L.C.

I would like to put my name forward to be considered as Vice District Governor 105c for the year 2012/2013. I have been a member of the Lions organisation for 20 years and all that time I have been a member of Bridlington Lions Club. During that time I have held most of the offices in the club including President twice, Membership Chairman, Health and Safety Officer and many others. Bridlington Lions Club is noted for staging big events and projects and I have been Chairman for many of these projects in the past. I was instrumental in introducing "Meet the Lions" and produced a booklet for use in the district. This project resulted in the club obtaining a number of new members.

I have been a member of Cabinet for eight years and during that time have held the position of Zone Chairman for three years and have been the M&A coordinator now for four years, also at present being a member of the Global Membership Team which is a relatively new team but will play a significant part in the future of Lions Clubs in the district and nationally.

I have received training in various aspects of Lions the most recent being my acceptance and attendance at the Senior Lions Leadership Institute in Maastricht, Netherlands. This gave me the opportunity of meeting and working with Lions from twenty different European countries.

I feel that my experience and enthusiasm will help me to serve the district and also help to move the district forward. I am a believer in team working and will be an active member of both the District Governor Team as well as the Global Membership Team. Anyone who knows me or has worked with me will know that if I take on a job I do it to the best of my ability. Team working and working together as a family will be my motivating policy while helping to lead the district. My experience in obtaining new members and also of being a member of a growing and active club will help me to have a positive effect on the growth and wellbeing of the district.

I am supported in my nomination by Joan my wife who will play a vital part in supporting me as well as my family. I ask you as members of the greatest service organisation in the world for your support in this nomination.

Lion John Hall 2nd VDG.

Nomination for 2st Vice District Governor for 2012-2013

Lion Ian Sagar Nominated by Beverley L.C. - Seconded by Garforth & District L.C.

Born in 1943 in Gargrave, near Skipton, spending 8 years in Lancashire, I have lived in Beverley from the age of 18. In 1975, I married Judy, a schoolteacher, and we have one son, Lance. I am now retired, having worked in accounts departments of local and multinational companies.

I have worked as a volunteer with children and young people in sporting activities and trips including foreign exchanges, and assisted with two local swimming clubs. I am chairman of the first Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to be formed in Beverley.

My first involvement with the Lions was as a helper, marshalling the New Year's Fun Run. In 2001, I became a member of Beverley Lions Club and since then I have supported all Club activities, Service, Fundraising and Social. Two years ago, I took over the organisation of the Annual Bonfire and Fireworks, forging fruitful relations with Normandy Barracks who now assist with this major event.

My two terms as Club President have been at significant times, firstly in Trafalgar Year when we joined a local village community to light the beacon, and when I was on the District Convention Committee organising the first Convention on North sea Ferries, and secondly for the Club's 50th Charter Anniversary. I have twice served as Zone Chairman, concentrating on bringing Clubs closer together.

I have always considered it necessary to attend District, Multi-District and International Conventions as this gives a broader view of Lionism and how the organisation works from Club level upwards.

Lion Ian Sagar.

Resolution No. 1

Proposed by Cabinet

This Convention resolves: *"That the voluntary contribution for District 105C youth projects be increased to £25."*

Explanation:

The cost of Youth Projects continues to rise and it is felt that the voluntary contribution from Clubs should be increased to enable our District Officers to continue to help the Youth.

Resolution No. 2

Proposed by Cabinet

This Convention resolves: *"In Article IV Section 3. 'Report on District Accounts' of the District 105C Constitution to replace in every occurrence the word 'inspection' with the word 'examination'"*

If adopted, the section will then read:

'The District Governor shall arrange for an examination and report upon the District Treasurers account's up to the end of the fiscal year by some competent person and shall cause copies of such accounts and examination report to be sent to Clubs at least fourteen (14) days before the date of District Convention.'

Resolution No. 3

Proposed by Cabinet

This Convention resolves: *"To amend the District Constitution by inserting a new line under ARTICLE VI - District Convention, Section 7. Submission of Nominations for District Governor and Vice District Governors to read as below and to be effective 1 July 2012"*

"If none are so received or they are not suitably qualified, then, and only then, suitably qualified nominations for the Office may be made from the floor"

If adopted the section will then read:

"The District Governor shall, through the Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer receive by an appointed date all nominations for the offices of District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor. Nominations shall be circulated under arrangements to be made by the District Governor to all Clubs at least six weeks prior to the District Convention. If none are so received or they are not suitably qualified, then, and only then, suitably qualified nominations for the Office may be made from the floor"

Explanation:

In the event of a District Governor or any Vice District Governor not being nominated and elected this could have a serious effect on the smooth running of 105C. There are procedures available to follow in such a case, but these can be very cumbersome and time consuming.

To alleviate such a situation if any suitably qualified person should wish to be nominated from the floor then the usual procedures could then be followed.

Resolution No. 4 (Emergency Resolution)

Proposed by Cabinet

This Convention resolves: "To promote the following Equal Opportunities Policy":

"District 105C aims to provide equal opportunities for all persons, Lions and non-Lions, with whom we come into contact regardless of ethnicity, nationality, age, gender, sexuality, marital status, disability, culture or religious beliefs."

This policy to be inserted as an annex to the Constitution and By-Laws.

Explanation:

A Club in another District was recently required to provide a copy of the Equal Opportunities policy in order to qualify for a Council grant. It is therefore thought to be prudent that this District adopts this policy to pre-empt such a requirement being made of any Club in this District.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

As I sit here writing this report I wonder where the time has gone since I first stood before you, two years ago, in Harrogate standing as a candidate for 1st Vice District Governor. Since that time I have attended a number of training sessions, meetings, Conventions and our International Convention in Seattle, all designed to prepare me for this year as your District Governor.

In Seattle I met our International President, Lion Dr Wing Kun Tam, and anyone who has met him and listened to him speak cannot fail to recognise his dedication. His Theme for the year is "I Believe" Believe in Members, Believe in Service and Believe in the Environment. All of these beliefs can be applied to any club or District in the World.

As I have moved around the District visiting club meetings or attending Charter Anniversaries, I have spoken about International Presidents beliefs and every club I have visited have embraced these beliefs into their own clubs programmes.

Membership in the District has turned the corner and we are in positive territory this year and this is without counting the new members in Bramley and Wickersley. All clubs are looking at meet the Lion nights and have membership information stands at events. The GMT team led by IPDG Lion Eric Wright are keen to help and can be approached for help in any membership programme.

International President Tam challenged the Lions of the world to plant 1 million trees and I pledged that District 105C would plant 1000. I asked DO Lion June Perkin to take up this challenge and co-ordinate our response. Lion June has taken this project by the scruff of the neck and, as of today, (sometime in November) District 105C has planted 1155 trees. We have pledges for a lot more and I hope we will be able to plant nearer 5000 before the end of this Lions year.

Service activities in the District continue to astound me as every time I visit clubs I hear of new projects or needs where Lions are being asked to help. We are a Service organisation and serving our communities is the basis of our existence as an organisation. Service events showcase what Lions are all really about and working together we can all put the "WE" back into "WE SERVE"

The District Governor team of myself, 1st VDG Ken and 2nd VDG John have regular meetings to discuss the running of the District and to identify areas where we need to provide help and assistance. These meetings and the formation of this team has provided some continuity in the District as we all agree on projects which will be carried forward from one District Governors year onto the next.

We also have regular meetings with the GMT and GLT team leaders to plan training and development sessions and discuss clubs requests for help. I thank IPDG Eric Wright and PDG George Bennett for their work in these areas and I believe we are now seeing the fruits of their labours coming through in membership figures.

At the Zone Chairman Training day I asked all ZC to identify areas where we could form either a new Lions Club or form a Club Branch. This has resulted in one new club, Bramley and Wickersley, being formed and to date 2 suggestions for club Branches. We still have no clubs in Sheffield, Bradford or Halifax and these are areas where Lions Clubs and Service are needed. We will be looking closely at these areas over the rest of this Lions year.

At the C of G meeting at the end of October the state of the Youth Trust Fund was discussed as support for this project has fallen short of expectations over the last few years.

I know that many clubs in our District support the Youth Projects by paying the £60 levy. Unfortunately not all clubs donate to this cause and some, if not all of our youth projects are in danger. In our District 76% of clubs have paid the levy this year and I urge those clubs who have not yet donated to consider making that donation now. These funds can come from your Charity account and will be well used at MD level.

We are also about to enter into a partnership agreement with Classic FM. The aim is hold a few well publicised events over the next couple of years. Classic FM has the means to provide publicity via their website and radio broadcasts and we have the manpower to raise money for charitable causes. More details will be circulated as soon as they are available.

I would like to thank all the Zone Chairman, Cabinet and District Officers for the hard work they have been putting in so far this year and I look forward to this continuing for the remainder of this Lions year.

I would also like to thank you, the members of Lions Clubs International District 105C, for your support, hospitality and friendship throughout this year when we have met at club meetings or events and at Charter Anniversaries.

I would also like to thank my wife Rosemary for her support and for enduring those lonely nights when I have been out visiting clubs and the long weekends at the C of G Meetings.

Rosemary also thanks you and your Partners for the support you have given her for her District Governors Partners Appeal for the Spinal Unit at Pinderfields Hospital. To date she has raised £800.

District Governor Lion Ian Thornhill.

V.D.G. REPORTS:

1st V.D.G.

What a busy and enjoyable year this has been, Up to writing this report Sylvia and I have visited 21 clubs, attended 4 zone meetings, the disabled Sports day at Doncaster, attended the first meeting of the proposed Wickersley & Bramley Club. Helped with Elmet Lions Help the Heroes stand, and also the Huddersfield Santa Dash, and hopefully next year will be helping at the Doncaster Show event.

We have also Deputised for the District Governor at Three Charter celebrations and also attended another three charter celebrations with DG Ian and Rosemary.

In addition to all of that I have attended district GMT and GLT meetings where we have discussed and put together forward plans to help clubs that appear to be struggling, and the possible increase of membership within the District.

On the social side we have attended a number of concerts and other events around the District, we even ventured down the M5 to Exeter to attend a 50th Charter celebration

In January we have a three day training session at Solihull which will be quickly followed by attendance at our first Council of Governors meeting. This is closely followed by the big weekend of our District Convention when I need to ask you to support my nomination as District Governor

As I sit here trying to remember all of the visits and events that Sylvia and I have done during this past ten months. I can only remember how welcome we have been made at every single club, how many friends we have made and how really enjoyable this year has been.

It is possible that some of you will be saying what's this 'we' rather than 'I' well I will let you into a secret, I couldn't do it without having Sylvia there with me. She helps to keep me sane and most importantly keeps my

diary up to date besides this DG job that I have put up for is one where you need a good able partner and I have one in Sylvia

VDG Lion Ken Wild.

2nd V.D.G.

At the time of writing this report I will have been in the position of 2nd Vice District Governor for five months and whilst I have a lot more to learn about the district it is true to say that I have experienced many interesting meetings and discussions with fellow Lions throughout the district.

I have attended a number of zone meetings and I am using my time as 2nd VDG trying to attend as many zone meetings as possible with the object of meeting as many club officers as well as zone chairmen. I feel that the role of zone chairmen cannot be over emphasised as in that position they are the link between the DG, Cabinet. The zone chairman is the closest to the clubs in their zone.

Whilst membership has suffered over the past few years it is encouraging to see that numbers are again beginning to increase. This is a result of membership being on the agenda of many clubs as a regular item. I have noticed this as I visit zone meetings and clubs and the constant reminder is having some effect. There are a number of prospective members in the pipeline and I feel that we may have turned the corner with membership. We now have a Global Membership Team who will play a vital part in the future build up of clubs and also Global Leadership Team which will endeavour to provide suitable training for those officers and members who feel that they can benefit, this is already in place and having an effect. Of course we must include the addition of a new club Bramley and Wickersley who have already been badged up and by the time of convention should have been chartered. Thanks to all concerned in the formation of this club but especially to PDG Brian Yeoman who has played the biggest part in this new club formation, his enthusiasm and drive shows us all what can be done if we have the determination. Well done Brian.

I have attended a number of training initiatives in an effort to furnish me with a better understanding of Lions and how I can be more effective. The most recent and probably the most important I attended was the Senior Lions Leadership Institute at Maastricht in the Netherlands. I had the privilege of meeting and working with fellow Lions from twenty different European countries. I am sure that the experience has taught me a lot and given me a further tool to be used in the leadership of the district.

I am a big believer in working together as a team which goes for clubs and district, we have all heard the saying united we stand etc., well this also applies to Lions. We are all members of our organisation to serve the community and by working and growing together we can be more effective. I look forward to helping the district move forward in the coming years.

2nd VDG Lion John Hall.

DISTRICT SECRETARY

The Minutes of the 46th Convention of District 105C held at the Cedar Court Hotel, Harrogate on Saturday the 5th February 2011 were circulated to all Clubs by Past District Secretary Lion Peter Wilson.

The Convention Call for the 47th Convention of District 105C was circulated to all Clubs in early August 2011.

Details of the Nominations and Resolutions to this Convention were circulated to all Clubs by mid October 2011.

The Agenda papers and Reports for this Convention were prepared and submitted by District Officers by the 30th of November 2011 in order to allow them to be printed and circulated to all Clubs by the end of December 2011.

The Registration of Club Delegates and Alternates for District 105C Convention MUST be sent to your District Secretary by the 11th of January 2012. NIL RETURNS ARE REQUIRED

The Official Convention call for the 61st Multiple District 105 Convention to be held in Birmingham on the 5th and 6th of May 2012 was circulated to all Clubs in early August.

The Registration of Club Delegates, Alternates and Others for the MD105 Convention which were circulated by email in November **MUST** be returned to your District Secretary by the 1st of February 2011.
NIL RETURNS ARE REQUIRED

Club Officer Reporting: Please remember to update your incoming Club Officers for the Lionistic year 2012 - 2013 on the WMMR site. (Go to the Club Officers tab and select the year to update) These need to be updated by the end of May at the latest, but please try to submit this information as soon as possible as the information is also sent to MDHQ for the preparation of the MD Directory.

Can I thank all District Officers, Club Presidents and Club Secretaries who reply to my requests promptly and do not have to be 'chased'? It makes my job much easier and can save the District money.

Lion Trevor Kell.

DISTRICT TREASURER (The Accounts are on pages 32-34)

The accounts to June 2011 show an improvement in the financial position of the District Administration account. This is mainly due to a continued positive approach to expenditure by Cabinet Members.

Convention costs were again well under budget and I thank the Convention Officer and Committee for their contribution to the surplus on the Administration Fund. No extraordinary items of expenditure were incurred.

As a budget surplus has been achieved in the last four years, no increase in District Dues is recommended for 2012/2013, however with the current decline in membership in the District and administrative costs remaining static or increasing then a modest rise in District Dues can be expected in the future.

Lion George Berry.

CABINET OFFICERS REPORTS (In alphabetical order)

ALMONER & MEMBERS WELFARE

At the time of writing this report we have had eleven of our Fellow Lions who have been 'Called for Higher Lionistic Service':

P.D.G. Lion Peter Thurlow (Rotherham),
Lion Leonard Burkinshaw (Morley),
Lion Mike Dent (Leeds Skyrack).
Lion Maurice Hunter (Brighouse & District),
Lion Geoff Tector (Haltemprice),
Lion Sonny Beniston (Maltby Rother Valley),
Lion Fred. Sowden (Bridlington),
Lion Ray Eggett (Withernsea),
I.P.P. Lion Linda Bones (Rothwell District),
Lion Tom Short (Haltemprice),
Lion Richard Davies (Buxton & District)

Messages were sent to the respective families on behalf of The Lions Family of 105C.

Messages of condolence have also been sent to fellow Lions following the loss of someone in their immediate family.

A number of get well cards have been sent and I understand that these are appreciated by the recipients. I know that some of our fellow Lions are still undergoing treatment of one kind or another and our good wishes go to them for a return to better health.

On a brighter note cards have been sent to celebrate a marriage, (Lion David Wrench & Stephanie of Beverley Lions), and a golden wedding anniversary (P.D.G. Lions John & Susan Daker of Colne Valley Lions.).

We have also had Lions reaching memorable birthdays, ranging from 65 to 90 years of age. Congratulations to each and every one of you.

I have tried to respond to every request that has been made regarding any aspect of the welfare of our Lions Family – unfortunately I cannot do anything if I am not given the information.

As the saying goes “Your welfare is our concern.” Please keep me informed.

PDG Lion Eileen Smith.

ARCHIVIST

I am still pursuing the “Simon Green Youth Award Trophy” that was apparently, last presented to Alison Davis who was sponsored by the Haltemprice Lions Club, at the 2003 Convention. I am currently awaiting information from the MD Youth Award Chairman for that year.

After this the scheme changed to its current name the “Young Ambassador of the 21st Century” and a new trophy was used.

I am also anxious to establish the whereabouts of the old “Ilkley Moor Lions Club”, Presidents Regalia, as I understand that the new “Ilkley Moor Lions Club” formerly the “Menston and Wharfedale” Club Branch are in possession of the former “Halifax Lions Club” President’s Regalia. If any Lions club member can assist with

this matter I would be pleased to hear from them, my contact details are in the current directory.

Lion Keith Smalley.

COMPETITIONS

Travelling Lion.

My thanks to the 7 clubs who took part in the Travelling Lion competition this year. The results will be given at Convention in February 2012.

Rookie of the Year

I am aware of only 2 clubs entering the Rookie of the Year competition so far.

Scrap Book

Please remember to bring your Scrap Book to Convention as judging takes place there.

Peter Shaw Trophy

Entries should be submitted to me no later than 28 days before convention.

Best Host Club

Entries should be submitted to me no later than 28 days before convention.

Best Website Competition

Judging will take place in January 2012

District Quiz

Will be held on 30th January 2012.

Please could I have all trophies held by Clubs, returned to me as soon as possible.

Lion Ken Woodhead.

CONSTITUTION NOMINATIONS & RESOLUTIONS

Well it's been an interesting few months. A few resolutions have come my way to be looked at and presented to the clubs, including an emergency one. All the nominations for the DG, VDG and 2nd VDG have been correctly received.

However, C N & R is an important role within 105C. Without it then the rules that we are 'governed' by cannot be changed. I cannot change the rules to make the club's life easier if I do not receive any proposals.

If you feel that something is amiss within Lionism and could be solved by a change in the Constitution then please contact me. A lot of the proposals at Oakbrook are brought by single Lions asking their club who proposes it at the District Convention. If it is passed and should be passed onto Multiple District or International Convention then it will be done so. If it get passed at the International Convention and actually makes the Standard form constitutions then that is an achievement, an achievement that is worth something.

Lion Nigel Ware.

CONVENTIONS

Since being asked by District Governor Ian to take on this role the following has been carried out by myself.

I have carried on working with a committee that was set up some 2 years ago, to organise Convention for 2012. Namely, Mexborough Lions Club & Rotherham Lions Club.

Lion David Teasdale Mexborough took on the role of Treasurer & Registration Officer, for this I thank him very much. The other members are. David Venables & Jaquie Castle (Mexborough), Lions Peter Cooper, Peter Machin & Steve Holland (Rotherham).

Only at the end of this convention will we know if it has been a success. It will not be for the want of trying, for we have had every help from the Holiday Inn Hotel staff. From the General Manager Nigel Dibbs to the receptionist.

Convention 2013

This has been arranged by VDG Ken Wild, and it will be held at the Cedar Court Hotel Wakefield, a presentation will be given at convention. We also hope to hear about the costs etc.

Convention 2014

I was approached by 2nd VDG John Hall during this fiscal year, and asked the question if the convention could be held in Bridlington. The advice given was, that there would not be a problem, provided a Hotel could be sort which would have approx 40 rooms available, incl. a suite for our International Guest of the day. They would also have to ask conventions approval, based on the costs etc. I am sure Lion John in conjunction with PDG Peter Jay will update us at convention 2012.

PDG Lion Brian Yeoman.

DIABETES AWARENESS

As diabetes officer I will have attended meetings at M.D.H.Q. The subjects that were covered were diabetes screening / juvenile & adult diabetes awareness and World Diabetes Day. The importance of having the screening done by a qualified person and having the right insurance was also stressed. Lions no longer have medical / medical malpractice insurance. If you are in any doubt about insurance please contact your district or multiple district insurance Officer.

We are looking at leaflets that can be handed out to members of the public to help them look for signs of diabetes and to help direct them to their local G.P.

New leaflets and posters for use on display boards can be obtained along with a price list from M.D.H.Q. Lions clubs in the district have been holding screening sessions at their local galas and fetes with one club having 500 members of the public attending their screening.

Lion Chris Ramsden.

DISTRICT GOVERNORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regular meeting of the District Governor's Advisory committee have been held throughout the year. In the early part of the year the concentration was on the set up and work of the new GMT and the GLT groups. In addition membership issues and failing clubs, focussed heavily at these meetings, and much discussion took place on how and when to implement the new Leadership and Members training package.

I am pleased to report that significant progress has been made in both areas, more especially when in both cases we had to begin from nothing.

However, having received positive result from the recent members survey on training needs, and also some members willing to train or mentor, it would appear that we can look forward to seeing good steady progress on this in the future.

Some discussion also took place on the importance of the role of Zone Chairs, we have said how much we value them, but it remains an area where we need to improve the information that should come out, I am hopeful that this maybe a communication problem and that over time with the help of Zone Chair liaison officer that we may be able to resolve this situation, however at present this remains a problem in many Zones, and sadly I can only report what I receive.

This year to date there have not been any major problems for the DG advisory committee to deal with, in writing this, I hope that I am not tempting fate.

IPDG Lion Eric Wright.

ENVIRONMENT

All clubs have been informed of both the tree planting programme and the photograph competition. At the time of compiling this report, I am informed that 1,200 trees or saplings have been planted. Hopefully, when spring arrives, many more will be planted, either in pots or into well prepared ground. From other jewels of information, it is estimated that the D.Gs, target of 5,000 trees before his year end in June 2012 is more of a reality than a pipe dream. Well done. The photograph competition for our district has concluded, and the 5 finalists will go forward to the Multi-District selection process a few days before our Convention. I shall inform you all of the 1 photo which will be submitted to International at Convention.

Lion Roy Field.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Introduction: The greatest asset in any Lions Club is its members, therefore the Leadership Team will focus on delivering training to meet the needs of the individual Lions and give them the opportunity to reach their full potential. Our focus this year is:

- Determine the training needs of our members
- Build up a panel of trainers.
- Deliver training based on demand.
- To assist the Membership Team with training.
- To identify and develop future leaders.

The training organised by District will be available to all the family of Lions.

Actions to date: Global Leadership and Membership initiative has a new structure that integrates GLT and GMT Chairman and DG team under the chairmanship of the DG. This system enables the VDG and FVDG to fully participate in all plans for Membership and Leadership.

A Training Needs Assessment has been carried out for Cabinet Officers and the Training Needs Assessment has now been circulated to each Club so that all Lions have the opportunity to indicate their training needs. The assessment can be downloaded from 105C District web page.

The initial assessment results are as follows for top 10 places:

I am delighted to report that we have 17 Lions who have volunteered to deliver a range of training programmes and in addition I have been offered help from a professional training company.

At the Cabinet meetings I have now started a Bacon Butty early morning taster training sessions for Cabinet Officers. This first session was well attended and followed up by workshop sessions.

Second Vice DG John Hall has attended the Senior Lions Leadership Institute and gave excellent feedback.

Attended meetings for District and Multiple District and facilitated a one day workshop for DG Team.

A web page design course has been delivered by our Web Master Lion Steve Cooper. The notes for this course are available on the district website.

Future Training Events: District Information Day will be held on 9 June 2012. Venue to be agreed.

Arrangements are being made to run the following courses:

- Food Hygiene Certification
- Do you want to be a District Governor?
- Train the Trainer

Other courses will be run based on demand.

There is a range of on line courses available at Lions Clubs International web site:

www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/lions-learning-center/index.php

To access the courses you will need your membership number. The courses are intended for international audience and give good basic information, but please be aware that there will be differences in spelling and culture.

Your Help is Needed: Please complete the Training Needs Assessment if you have any training needs.

The early indications are that there is high demand for Information Technology training; therefore I am looking for Lions, who have IT expertise and are willing to join our training panel. Also I need help in finding computer training facilities at minimal costs.

Thank You: May I thank all those Lions who have and will volunteer to assist with training of their fellow Lions. By developing our fellow Lions skills will we enable our organisation to be more successful in these very challenging times.

PDG Lion George Bennett.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

As I write this report in late November two meeting of the GM Team have been held so far, the first meeting took place on 19th October and a follow up Second meeting took place on 29th November. We intend to have monthly meetings for the foreseeable future.

A decision was made early on in the formation of the group that we would follow the recommendation of the GMT coordinators guide. Members were therefore chosen for their value and ability; this has provided two teams, thirteen members in total. One team to look after Membership Growth and the other to deal with Membership Success.

Each member has a number of individual areas of responsibility and each will take outright ownership of their role, members combine to form a very strong and comprehensive unit. However GMT is part of the District and will always require help and proper support from Zone Chairman, District Officers and most important every Lions Club, in reality success involves everyone.

Our overall goal, over the next three years, is that District 105C will continue to reverse district-wide membership loss through a sustained and renewed focus on actions to create and implement GMT/GLT structures to function in the 9 Zone areas. Focus will be to attain the long term goal of meeting or exceeding the 35 club/1250 membership standard within an ongoing and reasonable time frame and to retain such standard for growth and retention thereafter.

We believe that to measure success we need to plan progress, therefore all our effort will be monitored and recorded, targets have been set but will adjust and those clubs identified as most in need are already receiving the earliest action, at the time of writing 3 clubs have been assessed.

Success will also require a great deal of help from leadership and training and for this we are heavily dependent on the support of the GLT, we are working very closely with GLT and this will continue. I make no secret that I believe we have a very big way to go in training and leadership development in this District and much of the work that GMT put in will assume and require strength in these two areas, District has to change and look on training and leadership not as a chore, but as an investment for our long term future.

At the time of this report we are in a positive position, with membership numbers up on the year and we have a growth award to prove it. Also we are very positive and refreshed by the success of the formation of the new Bramley and Wickersley Lions Club. (Chartering in January 2012 with 20 members). With this success we now have the knowledge and the belief that where there is a will there is a way, and today or next year it is today possible to form new Lions clubs in our District.

I should have a more detailed plan to produce by Convention.

IPDG Lion Eric Wright.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Although having made only one requested Club visit, I have had many request for information regarding H & S matters, from within the district. From Midnight Walks to Canal walks, Santa's sleigh's to Can collecting. All requiring a bit of thought and discussion, but eventually all queries have, I hope successfully, been resolved.

I have received many Risk Assessments for various activities, each one giving me information which will be kept for future reference.

At the time of writing this report, I have had no information regarding any incidents or accidents that have happened since my last yearly report.

On the down side, sadly, not all clubs have informed me of their H & S officer. All Clubs are obliged to name a Lion as H & S Officer; however, if they do not, the Club President will be named.

Lion Roy Field.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Every district club now has access to its own website. Many have developed their own websites independently, some have used the district Wordpress sites which I have made available to all other clubs, a few still do not use the facility placed at their disposal. Sadly of those latter clubs, some don't even acknowledge messages and information sent to them.

The DG's team will be celebrating the diversity of the district's efforts by holding a website competition automatically open to all clubs by virtue of their listing on the district's club pages. Clubs use of social networking such as Twitter, Youtube, Flickr etc. will also be taken into account.

Of course every club will benefit from having a website as their main channel for publicity which can serve so many purposes from event pre-publicity, through awareness of the club's welfare resources to the attractions of Lion club membership. At worst it is the publicity channel of the last resort if your local news media are not receptive to your press releases, at best it targets the generation you should be approaching as new members of Lions Clubs International.

Unfortunately due to foreseen circumstances (yes, I did write that!) I will not be attending convention so I hope that the website competition motivates and re-invigorates individual webmasters in their task and brings their clubs the attention that their efforts warrant and the success that their clubs deserve.

I remain available by phone and by email to all district members seeking IT advice and plan to resume training seminars from the Spring.

Lion Steve Cooper.

INSURANCE

History: As far I am aware there has been only one claim of any note in the District (the theft of a burger trailer) since February 2011. I have endeavoured to answer all queries in a timely and efficient manner

Current Position: Our Multiple District Insurance premiums have not increased in the last 3 years and the cover remains at the same level. Details of the programme of cover can be found on the Multiple District Website and confirmations of our Liability covers can be found on and downloaded from our Insurance Brokers', Miles Smith, website – go to the Lions section – the password is “roar”.

I have said in my Cabinet Reports that there is an increasing incidence of theft and I would counsel all Clubs to be vigilant in the security arrangements for their property and regalia to deter the would-be thief.

It is most important that Risk Assessments are prepared for each event and should specifically contain a section on Vulnerable Persons even if it is to say that there is no risk involved. The completed Risk Assessment should be kept by the Club Secretary or Health and Safety Officer unless the event involves more than 1000 people when a copy should be sent to our Brokers

The Future: In my role as MD Insurance Adviser I have completed my negotiations with NCI Insurance Services of Harrogate (01423 504689) for a competitive Personal insurance scheme for all Lion Members. Unfortunately because of a poor claims history throughout the Insurance Industry it will still be necessary for all Lions when proposing for Travel Insurance to disclose confidentially any existing medical conditions. You should be aware that all travel policies contain a pre-existing medical condition exclusion.

Quotations will be available on line by the time Convention is upon us.

PDG Lion Bryan Riley.

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT TAM'S 100000 TREE PROJECT

On behalf of District Governor Ian and myself, we would like to thank you all very much for your response to the tree campaign. The response from the community has been amazing and requests are still coming in from groups and schools who would like to be involved. I see this campaign going on for much longer than we anticipated. Many trees have already been planted in the community and several pledges to plant have been made. We have already passed the 2000 mark and by the end of the Lionistic year we should have exceeded our district pledge by far.

Woodland Trust: We are to receive 420 saplings from the Woodland Trust and hopefully these saplings will be delivered early March and distributed fairly on a first come basis to any club who would like any. The type of trees we are to receive are, Blackthorne, Hawthorne, Silver Birch, Common Oak, Rowan and hazel. These trees all encourage wild life.

Groundwork London- Match funding: As I mentioned in an earlier update, District Governor Ian has secured £1000.00 from Groundwork London if we can raise £1000.00 match funding. Many thanks to the clubs who have pledged or sent money towards the £1000.00 match funding. We have not yet reached our target and more donations are still needed.

Some small trees and saplings have sourced for as little as 40p. Once we raise our funds and pull all this together, a list of these saplings and mini trees will be distributed to all clubs who have donated to our request for match funding and wish to participate in the distribution and planting.

To the clubs who have not yet made a donation for the match funding, if you decide to do so please let District Governor Ian or myself know if your club is willing to donate £10.00 (or more) to this most worthy campaign. If so, can you please send your cheque to the District Treasurer George Berry and mark it tree campaign. When you do plant any trees fellow Lions please don't forget to put it in your activity report. Many Thanks and happy planting.

Lion June Perkin.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

I have attended various clubs in the District reporting to the cabinet and attended the Lioness convention. Promoting International Relation and answering any questions. I have attended International Relation meeting on 22 October 2011 and Water Aid AGM

United Nations Day: Wales 11th March 2012, Ireland 2nd, 4th March 2012, Scotland to be advised. England 13th March 2012 at 5.30pm. There will be 10 tickets available per District, anyone interested please contact DG Ian.

Twinning: Creating and fostering a spirit of understanding. District has been requested to monitor Twinning activity and provide a register. This may enable us to contact the clubs to offer help if a disaster occurs in that area.

Malawi Education Programme: We are continuing with this programme-re-branded 'Malawi Scholarship' and hope to support 10 students from each of the 3 Lions Club Blantyre, Mzuzu and Zomba subject to specific names of students and reports at the end of each school year. It was suggested that each zone adopt a child cost £100 per year. We hope to make new contacts to enable us to improve communications. Children are leaving school to help at home so they do not complete there education.

Edukit – School In a Box: We have had an increase in the number of Boxes donated. MD IRO is looking into each District obtaining a box to take to Zone and Club meetings. We are borrowing one for convention to enable Lions to see what it contains.

Water Aid: Water Aid would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who gave so generously to support Water Aid work. They are celebrating its 30th year starting in 1981 it is now in 23 countries and 15.9 million people have been reached with safe water and sanitation. There are still 884 million people without water and 2.6 billion people without sanitation. Water Aid in the UK, Annual report and financial statements are available on their web page. We are continuing to support Water Aid and the MD IRO is going to ensure that Lions receive an annual report of where our donations are being spent.

Street Children Project: Our aim alongside UNICEF the Lions support organisations to help millions of children who live on the streets throughout the world even in our own towns Help by sponsoring or helping out at your local homes shelter or by donating Hats, Scarves, and sleeping Bags for the Salvation Army to distribute.

Gift For Living (MOET): This enables professional staff to learn new life saving skills in treating women during pregnancy and their babies at the time of birth. The MOET course is the obstetric equivalent of the well established 'Advanced Paediatric Life Support System' which enable medical professional from all over the area to learn essential skill for managing very sick babies and infants and is working well. IPDG Phil Nathan will keep us updated.

Lions/Moorfield Korle Bu Project: They should start to build, with the intention of opening by December 2012. They have the funds we currently envisage will be required to see us through the building phase of the project. PDG Howard Lee will keep us updated.

Lion Penny Doble.

LCIF

I have attended various clubs and zone meetings and cabinet presenting and promoting LCIF. Since the last Convention there has been an increase in the number of disasters across the world. Lions around the world have donated \$48 million to help the needy. A record for a non 'Sight First' campaign.

With your generosity 105C has donated £42,976, an increase of 6% from last year. This has meant that LCIF has helped New Zealand, Pakistan, Ethiopia, and Australia following their disasters.

Haiti Update: A New Prime minister was installed in October and it is hoped the new Government will get things moving and enable LCIF to begin work on rebuilding schools etc.

An Emergency grant of \$10,000 has been sent to Turkey District 118- for immediate relief Funds.

Details of the expansion of the MJF program to include donations to five special program areas. Donors will now be able to receive MJF and PMJF credit when directing their support to Disaster, Humanitarian (includes

donation to the Measles Initiative, Sight, Youth and Areas of Greatest need. Restrictions beyond these five special areas will be honoured by LCIF but will not be eligible for MJF or PMJF. The expanded program will also offer additional benefits including: a) Donors will now have opportunity to direct support to a desired special area. And b) LCIF will be able to immediately provide funds for a large scale relief rather than collecting and distributing funds over a period of weeks or months. 'Area of Greatest Need' provides LCIF with the ability to financially support any program within general areas.

Contributing Members Pins are available if you personally wish to donate to the Foundation, cost from £15 each. We have had an increase in the number of MJF's presented to Club Lions. Congratulations to them all.

Measles Programme: In the pilot year of the Lions Measles initiative Lions and LCIF supported the immunisation of more than 41million children in four countries. To support LCIF and Lions, the 'Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation' awarded LCIF with a matching grant of \$400,000. Because of the Lions advocacy programme, we're able to mobilise not only the population, but also from grass roots to the highest level in government. Lions now hope to build on their success and continue to improve health globally. Thank you all for your generosity and support.

PDG Lion Alan Doble.

LEHP

My role is to inform you about Lions Eye Health Programmes, to advise, support, help & encourage you to get involved. A lot of effort is now being put into developing LEHP &, by the time you all read this report, we will have launched 'The Signature Projects, giving the opportunity for all Lions to put a "stamp" on their own communities.

In this new initiative, a range of new leaflets & posters will be available to enable the public to know who we are & what we do.

As 'Knights of the Blind', our work covers the world, particularly the developing countries, but we have sight related problems here at home with Cataracts, Glaucoma, Diabetic Retinopathy etc. We should aim to encourage the 'at risk' groups to seek regular eye examinations.

During the past year, VDG Ken & I have attended a number of Zone Meetings, Clubs & Community Groups to advise about all other aspects contained within the LEHP portfolio.

World Sight Day & Lions Awareness Week in October 2011 was celebrated by 3 Clubs in our District, each holding an event – Bridlington Lions, Leeds Skyrack & Holderness Lions Club.

Well done to them. It is hoped that more Clubs will get involved with a sight related activity in October 2012.

Another Lions activity is the Collection of Spectacles. I believe all Clubs in our District collect them in varying quantities to send to Chichester Lions for sorting & then onward to the third world via Medico France in Le Havre. We, in MD 105, collect more spectacles than French Lions Clubs do. Chichester Lions started this as a Club project in 1967 & in 1980 it became a major project with all of us getting involved. Now they are handling over 300,000 pairs of specs every year. Well done, & let us all carry on the good work.

Don't forget also your local Talking Newspaper & Talking Books. Voluntary organisations who provide this terrific service may be struggling with their finances. See if you can help.

The 'Lions Sight Savers Trust' was established in 1982. Originally known as 'Eye Camps' the work they do continues to be more & more successful, but due to the economic situation, Club donations are significantly down over the last 2 years.

If there is a cause other than a sudden disaster somewhere in the world, Lions Sight Savers is surely the one. So, please consider a Club donation. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Every penny donated & every pair of spectacles collected goes to help someone see again.

Our Vision is a world where nobody loses theirs.

Lion Peter Cooper.

LEO COORDINATOR

York Leo Club are having a difficult and frustrating time at the moment. Due to constraints imposed by the college, in terms of meeting time and venue, it is proving difficult to gain any momentum, although they have

recruited 1 more member. They are still operating, trying to gain more members and hoping that the college will once again change its policies regarding out of school activities and thus ease the constraints. Todmorden Leo club is still operating and planning events. Things are beginning to look up as the head of sixth form is now taking a much more pro active role and we are looking to increase membership and participation in planning and carrying out activities.

I am pleased to say that I have visited Thorne Rural Lions Club to discuss the possibility of their forming a Leo Club. Last year's District Young Ambassador winner, Joanne Stocks is a member of the sixth form at the local Secondary School. She is already working with the Lions to form a club and has about 6 friends already wanting to join. She has already managed to get the School involved and the Vice principal came to the meeting I attended. I hope that it won't be too long before they have a new club up and running. I am still awaiting developments concerning the possibility of forming an Internet Leo Club

Lion Rod Wainwright.

LIFE SKILLS

Current Position: I am pleased to report District 105C continues to be one of the leading Districts in MD 105 in the support/sponsorship of the highly successful Lions/Tacade Life Skills Programme. This was recognised when we were presented with the MD 105 Life Skills Trophy for one year at our Convention in Harrogate 2011.

Lions Partnership with Tacade: The Life Skills Partnership between Lions and Tacade is in great shape. I witness this fact regularly as a member of the MD 105 Lions/Tacade Steering Group. The memorandum of intent between Lions of MD 105 and Tacade was reissued in 2008 covering a further 5 years. That document was signed by the then Chairman of Council of Governors and the Chief Executive of Tacade, Lion Martin Buczkiewicz.

Lions/Tacade publications Brochure 2012: This is due to be delivered to every Lions Club in District 105C early in 2012.

Lions/Tacade Life Skills Resource "Life Changes" (Primary School 3 -11 years): Uptake of this resource in District 105C is most significant. There is indeed every sign of this resource becoming a major Lions/Tacade success throughout MD105 and this was confirmed by a recent reprint.

Lions/Tacade Life Skills Resource "Life Changes" (for Secondary School Pupils): This resource will deal with loss, change and bereavement issues and further progress is subject to the procurement of development funding. In District 105C I am asking for all Clubs to donate at least £10, hopefully more toward this project. Cheques to District Treasurer please payable to L.C.I. 105C - reverse to be endorsed "Life Changes II"

Lions/Tacade Life Skills Resource - "Up in Smoke": A Smoking Education Resource for those working with 11-16 year olds. Writing phase has been completed and publication should take place in 2012.

Lions/Tacade Primary School Resource "I am, I know, I can": District 105C has responded to a request for financial support to enable this resource to be reprinted. A sum of £500 is being provided in this regard.

In conclusion, my thanks once again to the many Lions in District 105C who give their ongoing support to our Life Skills Programme and thereby ensuring it continues to be one of the most outstanding Youth Programmes in MD 105.

PDG Lion John Cooke.

LIONS ALERT

Thanks to District Governor I got an introduction to Harrogate Emergency planning Committee. I had a meeting with them in October, which was very useful and they gave me a number of contacts in the rest of Yorkshire.

I am now in contact with South Yorkshire emergency planning and have a meeting with them in Mid December. I am also in contact with Leeds and Kirklees and through them the West Yorkshire emergency planning group and await a date from them for a meeting to explain our position and how we can help them in an emergency.

I shall not be able to attend Convention, but I will forward an up date to District Secretary in late January.

Reminder - Do you know that District Governor has up to \$10,000 available in your area if 100 people or more are affected by a Disaster?

Details are available on the Lions Web site www.lionsclub.org click on Foundation and then on 'grants' at the top right of the page.

If you have a disaster please contact either me or District Governor or preferably both.

Lion Bob Armitage.

LION MAGAZINE - DISTRIBUTION

Continuing on from last year's work in attempting to get the membership lists correct for each Club, I am happy to report that there have been far fewer updates to the circulation list this year. Those updates have comprised mainly of new and dropped members rather than Lions simply not receiving their copy of the magazine.

Once again can I remind all Club secretaries to contact me should they wish to add, remove or amend any members details so that we can get the magazine to all their members.

Lion Trevor Kell.

LION MAGAZINE - NEWS LIAISON

All items submitted to me have been forwarded to the Editor for consideration of being included in the 'Lion Magazine'

I would like to encourage more Club PRO's to consider forwarding items to me. If it is worthy of note in your own local area, why not let me have the details and I will do my best to get it into the magazine. The only exception to this is news/photos of Charter anniversaries which, unless it is a milestone anniversary, will not normally be considered by the editor.

Lion Trevor Kell.

LIONESSE CLUBS

With the help of my predecessor, Lion John Brown, who passed written reports on to me from last year I am able to include information since the last convention held in February, 2011. The last Lioness conference was hosted by Pontefract Lioness Club at the Cedar Court Hotel, Wakefield. Although the weather was not in their favour, it was still well attended. No doubt some people wishing they had brought skis with them. There was a variety of stands displaying information manned by specialist Lion/Lioness Officers along with representatives from other partner organisations. Further ideas were exchanged on the Sunday morning when individual clubs gave a presentation on a project undertaken (by them). District Governor Eric and his wife Dorothy (105C) proved they could trip the light fantastic on the Friday night. An organ extravaganza and entertainment were provided by Andrew Nix.

Feedback from attendees at the conference has been noted, as per previous years, which will help with the planning of future ones.

Pontefract Lioness Club: Current membership = 15 + 5 honorary members.

As well as gains there have been losses. 1 member was requested to resign following concerns raised by members and the situation not being resolved when the member was informed of concerns. Advice was sought from the relevant MD Lions Officer prior to the request being made. Annual Events: Several have been held at Junction 32 retail outlet which have also included joint ventures with Castleford & District Lions Club. The Lionesses also continue to actively support and attend the District Fun and Sports day for the disabled at Doncaster. Plans are underway for their certification celebration in June, 2012.

Fundraising – Via local galas, santas grotto, cake stalls.

Social – At least one monthly activity. Club members take turns to organise an event of their choice. Members also attend Zone social events, e.g. quizzes, fish and chip supper.

Welfare –Emotional support + help with transport has been given to members who have had relatives in hospital. Get well/bereavement cards have also been sent out. The above is a snapshot of the Club's activities.

As District Lioness Co-ordinator, I have attended cabinet meetings and advisory body meetings and enjoyed attending social/fundraising events.

Lion Janet Ramsden.

LONG RANGE & FUTURE PLANNING

Nothing to report.

MIAB

Our District continues to champion Message in a Bottle at the local level; clubs work together to support the programme aligned to PCTs in some areas and in others support is based on proximity. Again there have been times when it has been difficult to get hold of bottles from MDHQ; and Brigitte is frustrated as we are by this, it is not a problem with her forecasting. In fact in 2010 and 2011 we have been 'hit' by unexpected high-volume orders. This year, completely out of the blue the British Red Cross took all of the available stock; and the next production run of bottles was 6 weeks away.

I would like to thank Colne Valley, Harrogate, Boroughbridge, Knaresborough, Beverley and Rotherham clubs for their help in keeping other clubs supplied during these periods of drought – not forgetting the Leeds consortium of clubs, this is a good model that other areas of the District could consider to pool stock, share ideas and look for new opportunities to promote MIAB.

The Great Yorkshire Show again featured Message in a Bottle; 1200 units given out. It is a powerful tool for stopping people at events or in the street to engage them in conversation not just about MIAB but that can lead on to discussions about membership. So don't just try to give the bottles to the elderly & vulnerable - approach younger people it's amazing how many people who would benefit suddenly spring into their minds once you start talking, and then....."have you thought about getting involved"?

I have received and passed on a number of requests for bottles / help, these seem to be mostly in the areas where we no longer have clubs. I have allocated the requests to the nearest team member or local club.

Multiple District

I attended a MD Message in a Bottle session in September, this was well attended. The main topics for discussion were:

- Production of bottles
- Additional 'inserts' – especially the Advanced Care Directive
- A report analyzing bottle production / distribution

We have distributed over 4 million MIAB units in Great Britain and Ireland! Yes, Ireland now have it and have really caught the bug.

Our District, as ever, is performing well. Between 2006 and 2011 (July) we have distributed 150,000 units based on palletized deliveries (this does not account for box-level orders from MDHQ). We know that prior to central ordering a huge amount of bottles were bought and sent out by clubs in the District. So, in summary, I would like to say a big "well done" to you all.

Many of you have commented that the cost of bottles has shot up in the last 18 months. The reasons for this actually have the same root cause; the cost of energy – be that oil or electricity. The cost of manufacture has increased as has the cost of distribution – the two main components of the price. We have all felt this at the petrol pump when filling our cars. This combined with the difficulty of getting production slots with the manufacturer (APC) means that members of the MD team are looking at alternative sources of supply. We actually get a great deal from Longs, the transport operators who also store our stock for us, so that is unlikely to change. MDHQ actually held the price for too long and for a while were probably supplying bottles at less than the actual cost. By buying in pallet quantities, the unit cost is reduced from clubs; however, for those looking to take smaller quantities the District stock can be used, when available (see above), We charge slightly more than cost to allow additional materials such as leaflets and display units to be purchased.

Suggestions still arise regarding MIAB in-car; we think this is a risky idea as it would leave too much personal information at risk to car thieves. Medic Alert is our 'out of home' recommendation for those with medical conditions and don't forget about having "ICE" in the contact list on your mobile phone (In Case of Emergency).

Lion Kevin Lloyd.

MMR REPORTS

The job of collating and reporting membership information to cabinet can be a bit discouraging at times, but it can also be a challenge. It is pleasing to report that this year has seen a steady improvement in membership numbers. Most clubs and zone meetings now include an item on membership and it is paying off. Whilst a constant reminder about the need for increasing membership becomes a bit tiresome it is apparent that some clubs realise that they need more members and by increasing their membership they are in a better position to increase their service to the community.

A big boost for membership is the formation of a new club namely Bramley and Wickersley. This has been achieved by the work of a number of people but the most thanks should go to PDG Brian Yeoman who has been the driving force behind it. What Brian has done is proof that if we are determined to achieve more members then we can. If you believe that there is room for a new club in your area contact your zone chairman or GMT Chairman and let's give it a go. Remember to have fought and lost is better than not to have fought at all.

The submission to Oak Brook of membership reports has improved greatly this year and whilst it is still not 100 per cent the number of clubs who are running a bit behind is small. So let us all make the effort to achieve a 100 per cent record by the end of the year.

2nd VDG Lion John Hall.

MUSIC COMPETITION

This year, as of writing this in November 2011, we only have 1 cellist sponsored by the Holderness Club. If he remains the only one then we wish him all success in the Multiple District finals.

Is the competition too elitist? Yes of course it is. But we must recognise all of our young people who have done well for themselves.

However, this does not help the other young people who are not quite so proficient. I have been thinking about another 'Youth Entertainment' type competition.

This could be run along the lines of TV shows of the kind but we would only give positive criticism to the young people. There could be more than one winner depending on the categories. For example if one young person was a juggler and another group of young people was a rock band and they performed really well then both could be winners.

Since I have been thinking about this the DG has informed me that District EA already run a fledgling competition of this nature. I have spoken to the Lion in charge of that competition and I have an idea how EA run theirs.

To that end I would like to discuss it further with a view, if there is support, to launching it later in the year.

Lion Nigel Ware.

NEWSLETTER

More Lions & Lionesses continue to request our newsletter by e-mail and I would be pleased to hear from any of our Leos who may wish to receive the newsletter or to contribute any articles for publication.

We have had one or two incidents recently when I have not received articles that have been sent in to me, so when you send me anything I will confirm that I have received it. Should you not get confirmation then it means I have not received your e-mail.

Please help me to get the newsletter out on time by ensuring you get your information to me by the due date. It takes three or four days to set the newsletter out and fit everything in correctly. Could I also ask that you keep

your articles to no more than 250 words, and that you send any photographs in Jpeg format and no larger than 1000 x 800. Posters are more difficult to fit into the newsletter unless they are just simple ones. To show these to their best advantage they are best put on either your club website or on the district website.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the newsletter, keep sending in your articles so that everyone can see what is happening within our district.

PDG Lion George W Morgan.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH (O4Y)

May I take this opportunity to thank all Clubs who have supported the Lions Youth Programme, bringing so many outstanding and talented Young people to our attention. As Lions we hope we have helped to give confidence to these people and in a small way helped to promote their chosen careers. My thanks also to the District Officers who have promoted their particular Youth Programme and organised the Competitions and District Finals.

May we wish all our Young People continued support and success in all their endeavours.

European Music Competition: The District Final for this Competition is being arranged and at the time of writing I know of 2 Young Musicians going forward to the Final. This years instrument is the Cello. Many thanks to Lion Nigel for promoting the Music Competition.

Peace Poster: The Peace Poster Final is being held on Saturday 26th November 2011 at the Garforth Country Club. Entries are coming in and the quality of these pictures are outstanding. This year the theme is Children Know Peace.

Youth Football: My thanks to Lion Dave who works so hard to promote the Youth Football. Please ,fellow Lions, give him all the support you can.

Youth Exchange: My thanks to Lion Chris for attending the MD meetings in Birmingham and trying to enthuse Clubs into taking part in this outstanding programme.P.D.G.Peter and I hosted a Young Person from Finland during the summer and it is so interesting learning about each others customs and ways of life. Thank you to all the other Lions in our District who hosted during the year.

Young Ambassador: Many thanks to Lion Sheila for promoting the Young Ambassador over the last few years. Our good wishes to you. The District Final will be held on Saturday January 14th 2012. The venue is The Green Tree, Hatfield, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, DN7 6NL. The winner will go through to the Multiple District Final which will be held at ,The Village Hotel, Dudley on February17-19th 2012.

Life Skills: My thanks to P.D.G. Lion John and his Deputy Lion Clive for their promotion of District C as one of the leading Districts in MD 105 in support of the highly successful Lions/Tacade Life Skills Programme.

Leo Co-Ordinator: Many thanks to Lion Rod for promoting the Leos this year with a continued recruitment drive. Posters have been displayed giving as much P.R.O.as possible to encourage Young People to join the Leos Please tell your friends.

Young Leaders In Service: Congratulations to Lion Jane on receiving an International Award. This signature project is being launched on 1st January 2012 and as Lion Jane says Clubs are already committing to Young Leaders in Service with involvement from Scouts, guides and other Young Peoples organisations. Look on the Website and support service to our communities.

PDG Lion Janet Weatherill.

PEACE POSTER

Thank you to all those Clubs who have endeavoured to find Young People aged 11-13 with an artistic forte to enter this year's Peace Poster District Final.

The theme for the year 2011-2012 is, Children know Peace. The District Final is being held at Garforth Country Club, 19 Aberford Road, Garforth, Leeds LS26 1PZ on Saturday 26th November 2011. At the time of writing I have 3 Clubs taking part in the Peace Poster competition, Colne Valley Lions Club, Huddersfield Lions Club and Holderness Lions Club. What a wonderful opportunity for Clubs to work with the Youth in their community stressing the importance of peace, tolerance and international understanding. It is good to encourage young people to creatively express what it means to them and to share their own unique vision with the wider world. The winner will go forward to the Multiple District Final to be held in December 2011. International Grand Prize Winner receives a trip to the award ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations.

PDG Lion Janet Weatherill.

PHYSICAL & LEARNING DIFFICULTIES/SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Since our last Convention I have continued to attend the meetings of The Special Olympics, Yorkshire & Humberside Group at the National Grid Offices, Leeds and made progress in forging links between the members of this group and The Lions in 105C.

I know that some of our clubs have been of great assistance at various sporting activities organised by the many and varied disabled groups in our area. This assistance is very much appreciated by all concerned.

I also attended the L.C.I. Fun & Sports Day for the Disabled at Doncaster, another super day was had by all concerned. My thanks to all those involved in the organisation of the day.

M.D.O Lion John May called a meeting for all D.O. and this was reasonably well attended. We had presentations from Special Olympics and also Lions International & The English Federation of Disability Sport. Since that meeting many Lions clubs have donated to E.F.D.S. – it costs approx £3,000 per region to run a quality event, so your help is much appreciated.

There are over 11 million disabled people in the U.K. and only 7% take part in any form of regular sporting activity, hopefully through the involvement and support of The Lions more disabled people will have the opportunity to try some form of sporting activity.

Both Special Olympics and E.F.D.S. can offer almost any sporting activity to those less able than ourselves. I will continue to encourage Lions Clubs to get involved wherever possible with disabled sports groups in our District.

PDG Lion Malcolm Smith.

PRO

Since last convention a PR training workshop has been arranged for District 105c, attracting some 24 Lions and Lionesses to hear about developments in social media, and public relations. Press releases have been written and issued on the 2011 Convention, Peace Poster Winner, Young Musician, Young Ambassador, St Dunstan's, the National Arboretum, Dorothy Wright Alzheimer's Fund Raising, Lion Len White's Kenya Fund Raising, Lifestyle in Hull, the New Club in Bramley, the efforts to rebuild the Ripon Club and Signature Projects. Stories are now regularly submitted for the District Website as well as writing regularly for the District Newsletter.

District PRO has supported clubs in 105c with the loan of displays and projection equipment through 2011 and has acquired three additional pull-up displays for the district. Major promotions at Lifestyle in Hull, the Yorkshire Show and the Junction 32 collecting event were supported.

As to the future, new activity being implemented is in support of Skipton and Craven Club.

Lion Nigel Perry.

SMALL CLUBS ADVISOR

Contacts have been made with several clubs where membership had been at a low level in an attempt to provide some assistance/suggestions for keeping clubs afloat.

These have included:-

- Personal contacts (still the best way of recruiting members)
- Good and regular publicity in the local press and Radio.
- "Meet the Lions" events (by invitation)
- Formation of "Friends of Lions" – to provide people who are keen to help but not committed to joining Lions.
- Working or possibly amalgamating with another Lions Club.
- Working or possibly amalgamating with Rotary, Round Table.
- Formation of a new club for Families Lion membership.
- Open club to ladies (if all male club)
- Ask people we have helped to assist our activities.
- Provide all members with visiting cards to distribute as appropriate.
- Invite officers of successful clubs to visit.
- Take market stall for a Message in a Bottle, diabetes screening etc.
- Visiting other clubs for ideas and contacts.
- Work in schools e.g. Peace poster, photo. competition, Tacade publications.
- Set up and update web site.
- Find out and tackle special needs in the community.
- Talk at Pre-Retirement courses – local authority, large firms.
- Invite District Membership Committee to help.

It is essential that we help those clubs who are struggling and help is available within the District – don't let the club sink!

Lion Alan Porter.

SPECIAL APPEALS

The Kassam Appeal is a District 105C appeal and the sponsoring Lions Club is Hornsea District Lions. The purpose of the appeal is to rebuild and restart education at a moribund school in Ghana, called the Kassam Methodist Junior High School in the Ashanti District some 150 miles from Kumasi.

On hearing of the deprived state of the school and the adverse impact the pupils were having on other schools in the region, Hornsea District Lions stepped in with a shipment of learning materials and this in turn galvanised the regional education committee to provide a good number of teachers.

The children returned to the school very quickly but with no sanitary facilities for 450 pupils the situation turned on building toilets as quickly as possible and this comprised the first phase of the project for which Lions Clubs in District 105C raised over £8,000, a magnificent effort.

To date the septic tank has been constructed but the harvest and rains disrupted the final stages. The final works including conversion of a small building to a toilet block await the outcome of an application for a grant from LCI for £8,000.

Currently the process is "on hold" as we await the signatures on the grant application of DG André Gbadoe of D403A2 and a Lion President from a Kumasi Club. I am in correspondence with DG André Gbadoe and I believe he is currently arranging for a Lion President to sign. In the meantime the planning for weather proof classrooms is currently under way for the next phase of the project.

School Twinning: Here in the UK our schools have to work to a curriculum that includes provision for cross-cultural links. Hornsea District Lions Club has stepped in to provide funding to enable Aldbrough Primary, a local rural school on the coast to twin with our school at Kassam thereby meeting the OFSTED criteria.

The schools regularly exchange gifts and execute work projects based on the UK Core Curriculum. Last spring they worked on their schools and diets, which provided some alien experiences for the children. This year they are working on their villages and surroundings including agricultural areas. For Aldbrough School this will also include the sea and gas fields, both of which will be quite alien to the children of Kassam. To facilitate this project Hornsea District Lions Club is ensuring the pupils of both schools have the use of digital cameras and have just approved a budget of £500.00 to cover materials and exchange of work folders by air courier.

Lion Ron Bee.

SPEECH AND HEARING

This has been a reasonably busy year for Speech and Hearing I have attended two Multi District officer meetings at Birmingham.

During the first meeting I completed my training as a Deaf Aware instructor which enables me to work with the Lions Hearing Trust to inform Lions and members of the public how to recognise and deal with profoundly or seriously deaf persons.

During the past months I have visited 10 clubs and four zone meetings to discuss amongst other things the problems associated with deafness, at the present time more than one in seven of the population suffers from some type of hearing loss whether it is mild Tinnitus to severe or Profound deafness, and our young people are most at risk due to the use of 'in ear' sound systems playing music or speech at well over the 80 decibels specified in the 'H & S Noise at Work Regulations' as being 'reasonably safe'

Deafness is one of our more insidious disabilities, because it tends to creep up on you and you only realise that your hearing has deteriorated when your partner complains because the volume on the television or radio is too loud.

The multi district speech and hearing officer has recently had discussions with the RNID now called Action on Hearing Loss regarding how we as a service organisation can help with their work.

The collection and repair of used Hearing aid is on going and Lion Vic Trulluck of Hastings Lions club is very appreciative of any hearing equipment that we can send to him.

Hearing dogs and deaf Children is going from strength to strength, there are twelve dogs allocated at the moment and hearing dog organisation are now looking for more children within our area who would benefit from having a dog.

If you can help this organisation in any way please contact them and offer your help.

I See What You are Saying badges, the badges are doing quite well although they cost clubs £1.45 each and are meant to be donated free of charge to anyone who needs to use Lip Reading as a means of communication are only too happy to wear them. I can report that three clubs, Doncaster, Warmsworth & Edlington and Mexborough Lions Club have all helped supply over 40 badges to a Lip Reading Tutor who runs classes in Doncaster and Conisborough.

Finally I would remind all club presidents that I am available to provide deaf aware training to Lions and non Lion groups, the full session takes some three hours and on completion every attendee is issued with a certificate of attendance, please feel free to contact me if you know of any groups within your area who may like to do the course.

VDG Lion Ken Wild.

VULNERABLE PERSONS

"The Protection of Freedom Act" was introduced by the current Government earlier in the year, but as it is still in the Parliamentary process, the full implications to Lions Clubs throughout our Multiple District are not yet known. As there is not yet any indication of an implementation date (although this is anticipated in Spring or early summer of 2012) and because the Act could potentially change any forthcoming processes, a decision was made at a meeting of all District Vulnerable Persons Officers held in September not to publish anything further at this time.

With this in mind we are continuing to ensure that all Lions who are in contact with or are in positions of trust with children or Vulnerable People whilst undertaking Lions activities have a current CRB certificate.

We must still ensure that we follow best practice at all times, as laid out in the Vulnerable Persons Policy, and CRB requirements must feature on all risk assessments.

I would encourage all Lions Clubs throughout the District to ask for advice if in any doubt.

Lion Margaret Riley.

YORKSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE LIAISON

All Lions clubs have been informed about the account that has been opened with the district treasurer for clubs wishing to make a donation to Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Some clubs are using this system, while other clubs are sending their donations direct to Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Lion Roger Basing.

YOUNG AMBASSADOR

Thank you to all those Clubs who are looking to putting forward Young People for the Young Ambassador of the 21st Century. Thank you to all Club Officers who talk to Education Departments, Scouts, Red Cross, Guides, Sea Scouts and other Young Peoples groups.

At the time of writing Thorne Rural Lions Club have sponsored a young man and I have been notified of others in the pipe line. Please let me have entries by the deadline date in readiness for the District Final. The District Final is being held on 14th January 2012 at The Green Tree, Hatfield Woodhouse, Doncaster. South Yorkshire DN7 6NL. The winner of the District Final will go forward to the Multiple District Final held at The Village Hotel Dudley 17th-19th February 2012.

I would ask all Clubs who have put forward Young People to spread the word to their neighbouring Club so that next year we can have more Young People taking part in this very worthwhile competition. .

Lion Janet Weatherill.

YOUNG LEADERS IN SERVICE

The District is now showing great interest in the Young Leaders in Service scheme, with clubs actively involved with scouts, guides and schools. There are close links between this scheme and the Young Ambassador scheme, with potential Young Ambassadors easy to identify from the work the Young Leaders are carrying out in their local communities.

Talks have been given at Zone meetings and hopefully more invitations will follow. An idea for improvement of the Logbook has been suggested and this is being followed up.

The Young Leaders in Service scheme is part of the Signature Projects initiative, due to be launched on 1st January 2012. This not only promotes Lions service through the Lions Eye Health Programme but also our commitment to youth. Through this, it is hoped that more people will become aware of Lions and be interested to join as new members. Publicity materials for the Signature Project, along with all Young Leaders in Service paperwork can be ordered through MDHQ.

Lion Jane Armitage.

YOUTH EXCHANGE

Usually Youth Exchange is not widely supported in 105c but early indications this year show things maybe on the turn as some early interest has been shown for this project. By the time this report has been read, all clubs in 105c will have received the relevant information and form for Youth Exchange. To back this up we will be manning a stand at convention and I also will be doing a small presentation. I have every confidence this is going to be a successful year with more than exchanges both in and out.

Lion Chris Whiteley.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Since last years report District winners Minster Lions (Wiggington Grasshoppers) went on to beat Teesdale (Barnard Castle) 5-0. In the quarter finals they unfortunately went out to Wilmslow 5-2.

The District 5 a side tournament took place in early June with ten teams taking part. The weather was kind and it was an enjoyable days football. The winners of the boys section were Bridlington, they lost every game in the league section in the morning but after beefburgers and ice cream for lunch they won every game in the knockout stage in the afternoon. The winners of the girls section were Selby.

This seasons 5 Nations 2011-12 started on 8 Oct with Tickhill beating Minster 3-0. The District Final took place on 9 Nov at Harworth Sports Club under floodlight which was a treat for the teams. Tickhill beat Selby 9-0 and progress to the next round where they play the winners of District E. We wish them the very best of luck. This seasons tournament is special as the Final is being played in London and the teams being shown round the Olympic Stadium.

Lion Dave Clarke.

ZONE CHAIRMAN LIAISON

This year saw a new role created. This role is to guide the incoming zone chairmen in their duties. This is an important role as, in my opinion, zone chairmen should be appointed from last year's Presidents and thus give them a first rung of the District ladder.

The zone chairmen are the most important Lions, apart from the DG, at the district level. They provide the link in between the clubs and district. The zone should be working together under the guidance of the zone chairman.

They should give any praise that is necessary at Cabinet or zone meetings as well as appraising the DG of any problems clubs might have.

However VDG Lion Ken Wild will be looking for new ZCs to follow on from this year's incumbents. I hope that you will all keep an eye out for Lions who may be able to fill that position. For the future role of ZCL I hope that this is changed annually and chosen from the current team of zone chairmen.

Lion Nigel Ware.

Lions Clubs International District 105C
Administration Account - Income & Expenditure
For the Year Ended 30 June 2011

Dues Income	Income	Expenditure	Inflow/outflow
District Dues	5,944	-	5,944
Multiple District Dues	7,405	17,405	-
Legal Expenses	539	539	-
Equipment & Cash Insurance	1,629	1,629	-
International	23,930	23,930	-
Total dues	<u>49,447</u>	<u>43,503</u>	<u>5,944</u>

Other Income/Expenditure

MD Youth Trust	2,210	2,210	-
District Youth Projects	580	-	580
Young Ambassador	150	246	(96)
Youth Football	360	440	(80)
Music Competition	50	543	(493)
Peace Poster Competition	-	55	(55)
MD 105 Convention Expenditure	5	867	(862)
Bank Interest/Charges	9	-	9
MBNA Commission	119	-	119
Tail Twister	102	-	102
DG Newsletter	365	321	44
Great Yorkshire Show 2010	47	256	(209)
Great Yorkshire Show 2011	500	542	(42)
Message in a Bottle	425	748	(323)
Meetings	4,958	4,990	(32)
Misc Income/Expenditure	203	228	(25)
Regalia	-	59	(59)
District Officers Expenses	-	2,372	(2,372)
	<u>10,083</u>	<u>13,877</u>	<u>(3,794)</u>

Restricted funds

	Funds at 1.7.10		Funds at 30.6.11
LCI MD105 Membership Grant	813	83	210
	<u>813</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>210</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)	<u>813</u>	<u>59,613</u>	<u>57,589</u>
	<u>813</u>	<u>59,613</u>	<u>57,589</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2011

Current assets

HSBC Community Account	7,446
HSBC BMM Account	13,530
	<u>20,976</u>

Total assets

20,976

Funds

Restricted	686
Unrestricted	20,290
Total Funds	<u>20,976</u>

Lions Clubs International District 105C
Charity Trust Account - Income & Expenditure
for the Year Ended 30th June 2011

Unrestricted charitable operations

	B/Fwd	Income	Expenditure	C/Fwd
LCIF Undesignated	-	10,102	10,102	-
LCIF MJF	-	650	650	-
LCI - A Gift for Living	-	1,000	1,000	-
LCIF Haiti Earthquake	-	1,000	1,000	-
LCIF Australian Disasters	-	4,600	4,600	-
LCIF Pakistan Floods	-	13,150	13,150	-
LCIF New Zealand Earthquake	-	4,140	4,140	-
LCIF Japan Appeal	-	8,316	8,316	-
LCIF American Tornado Appeal	-	450	450	-
Unicef School in a Box - EDUKITS	-	1,730	1,730	-
Unicef - Street Children Africa	-	850	850	-
Water Aid	-	1,594	1,594	-
Eye Camps	-	1,570	1,570	-
Sight Savers	-	2,050	2,050	-
LIBRA	-	2,825	2,825	-
Tacade	-	550	550	-
St Dunstan's Llandudno Project	-	4,900	4,900	-
Music and the Deaf	-	300	300	-
Yorkshire Air Ambulance	-	950	-	950
Special Olympics	-	1,800	1,800	-
Kassam Appeal	-	4,470	4,000	470
National Arboretum Appeal	-	175	175	-
Accra Ghana Appeal	-	200	200	-
Medic Alert	-	1,810	1,810	-
A Call to Service	-	300	300	-
	-	<u>69,482</u>	<u>68,062</u>	<u>1,420</u>

	B/Fwd	Income	Expenditure	C/Fwd
	<u>5,021</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>804</u>	<u>4,226</u>
General fund (unrestricted)	<u>5,021</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>804</u>	<u>4,226</u>

	B/Fwd	Income	Expenditure	C/Fwd
Restricted charitable operations				
Flood Appeal	2,486		1,171	1,315
DG Partner Appeal		7,785	7,785	-
	<u>2,486</u>	<u>7,785</u>	<u>8,956</u>	<u>1,315</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2011

Current assets

HSBC Community Account	226
HSBC BMM Account	<u>6,735</u>
	<u>6,961</u>

Funds

Restricted funds	1,315
Unrestricted funds	<u>5,646</u>
	<u>6,961</u>

Lions Clubs International - District 105C**Budget 2012/2013****Expenditure****District Officer's Expenses**

DG	500
1st VDG	200
2nd VDG	150
9 ZC @ £50	450
Secretary	100
Treasurer	75
Almoner	40
Health & Safety	50
International Relations / Street Child	250
LCIF	300
LEHP	75
Leo Advisor	50
Life Skills	500
Lioness Advisor	50
Long Range Planning	50
MIAB	100
Newsletter Editor	320
PRO	100
Speech/hearing	75
Vulnerable Persons	50
Youth Football Officer	150

Youth Activities

Peace Poster	60
Young Ambassador	250
Young Musician	400
Youth Football	250
Youth Exchange	50

Other Expenditure

GLT	500
GMT	500
Incoming Officer Badges	60
Competitions	50
IT	60
Convention Spend	1,000
Convention Stationery etc	300
Meetings	150
Sundries	100

Total Expenditure

7,365**Income**

Dues: 870 Members @ £7.00	6,090
Interest/MBNA Commission	120
DG Contribution to Newsletter	340
Club Contributions to Youth Projects	800
Tail Twister	100

Total Income

7,450**Budgeted Surplus****85**