



DG Wesley's Words

Conservation through cooperation and service



The District 105A Convention is now over. I owe an enormous debt of gratitude to all those who attended and contributed to a very memorable week-end. I hope you were able to meet other Lions, make friends and carry away pleasant memories of the Convention.

There was a full house on Saturday with 78 clubs represented. Tail Twister Lion Kumar (Chipping Barnet) as 'Pirate of the Caribbean' raised over £600 for WaterAid in an enlivening set of interruptions during the proceedings. Brenda extends her gratitude to the attendees and Lion President Kumar.

The opening of Convention was by H.E. Laleshwar Singh, High Commissioner for Guyana. In his speech he gave details of the negotiations at the UN Conference at Copenhagen on compensation to developing countries.

Another speaker, Ms Ashley Erdman from World Development Movement, spoke on Climate Change and their campaign to get rich countries to pay a climate debt to the world's poorest people. The second non Lion speaker, Mr Tom Drake talked about WaterAid programmes in Malawi and Nepal. Their contributions were well received.

Our keynote speaker was International Director Dr. Ton Soeters from the Netherlands. He gave an inspiring speech on the work of LCIF and on the Int. President Eberhard Wirf's theme MOVE to GROW. He also talked about the drive to increase the world wide membership of Lions Clubs in order to provide capacity to serve around the world those less fortunate than ourselves.

Two guest Lion Speakers were PID Phil Nathan and PID Howard Lee. Both made a presentation to support their quest at MD Convention in Leeds to win the Multiple District endorsement to go forward as a candidate for 2nd International Vice President. All Lions Clubs are requested to register their delegates to the MD Convention in Leeds. Further information on the MD website www.lionsmd105.org

Successful Conventions do not just happen. They are the product of months of planning and preparation. Thanks to the Convention Committee consisting of PDG Ken Rouse and wife Margaret, PDG Ron Wilkes and wife Christine, PDG Ram Jaggi, PDG Parveen Verma, PDG Vanmali Mistry, PDG Rati Shah, PDG Erach Amaria, PDG Louvain and VDGE Andrew Allen. Thanks also to the Cabinet Officers for their Reports and to Lion Shirish Sheth for the printing of the brochure. My thanks also to the Sponsors who pledged monies to Lion Sanjay Shah to supplement the budget. Thanks to all the many volunteers who were on call to carry out designated duties on the day.

Brenda and I are indebted to Lion Chris Bryant and wife Chris, Lion Peter Codrai and wife Jane, and Lion Robin Hurley for volunteering so much of their time and expertise in getting us to



Gift from District 105A to DG Wesley and Brenda

Script readiness for the Day. Special thanks to camera man Peter Heaps MBE for the splendid screening of the day's programme and for a recording of the Convention proceedings.

Thanks also to PDG Geoff Leeder for taking on the task of being the Convention photographer. The display of so many photographs is now available on the District website.

Two resolutions were approved by Convention. The first one, was to twin with District 60A (Caribbean) and the second one was to keep the District Dues at £10 per member.

My congratulations to the incoming DG Elect Lion Martin Morgan and the VDG Elect Lions Andrew Allen and Lion John Savell.

There is a custom to 'Welcome In' the new District Governor Elects on the Sunday morning of the MD Convention. Each District tries to out do the other by blowing whistles, waving rattles or letting off indoor crackers. So, fellow Lions in 105A, why not come along to the MD Convention, Leeds on 1-2 May 2010 and join our delegation on this special occasion. Please contact Sergeant at Arms Lion Peter Codrai if you are interested in attending.

The MD Sergeant at Arms PDG Lion Brian Yeoman states that Conference Leeds have teamed up with East Coast rail to offer a discount of up to 20% off the published off-line price for train journeys to and from Leeds. To take advantage of this offer use the following link - <http://www.eastcoast.co.uk/lions> In line with all on-line ticket bookings the website is now live.

All Lions Clubs who are behind in submitting reports are being requested to bring their reports up-to-date. All Zone Chairmen are being requested to give help if needed to get all Club reports in their Zone prepared and submitted.

Presidents should monitor the submission of Membership Reports by making it an item at Monthly Board Meetings. Club Secretaries are advised to submit the Reports soon after such a meeting or after the Club's second meeting date. The time is getting very short to complete submissions by June 2010.

My Diary April 2010

- 7th Wembley (Brent)Lions Club O/V
- 9th Lions Club of Acton Charter
- 10th Lions Club of Harrow and Pinner Charter
- 13th Kenton Lions Club O/V
- 14th London Golders Green Lions Club O/V
- 15th TACADE Advisory Committee Meeting MD
- 15th Enfield Lions Club O/V
- 18th Lions club of London Host Diamond Anniversary Charter
- 19th Lions Club of St Albans O/V
- 20th Luton Lions Club O/V
- 21st Northwood Lions Club O/V
- 24th High Wycombe Lions Club Charter
- 28th COG Meeting Leeds
- 29th COG Meeting Leeds
- 30th COG Meeting Leeds

LCIF Trophy

Congratulations go to Fairlop Lions Club again, as winners of the LCIF Club Trophy for 2008/09. In joint second place were Ampthill and Greenford Lions Clubs and numerous clubs sharing the joint Third place. Well done, all. Keep up the good work.

The Rules for the LCIF Trophy: Points are awarded to Clubs which support the most projects under the LCIF umbrella - not necessarily the most monies raised, but the number of projects. The donations to LCIF are Undesignated or Designated.

The undesignated funds are for LCI to provide Emergency help to earthquakes, floods, building of hospitals, hospices, schools, research etc. the designated funds are for Eye camps (cataract operations etc) Education (sponsoring students), WaterAid, Drug Awareness, Lions Eye Health programme, Street Children, LCIF grants, Spectacles and Hearing aid collection and distribution, and so on.

Results are judged on information obtained from the DO Reports and mainly from monthly M&A reports. Don't forget to include all the relevant information as the Competition runs from 1st March to 31st January every year.

PCC Lion Bert Randall