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**Lions Clubs International** 

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#### **District Governor 105N**

Fellow Lions, Leos and Partners

The International Convention in Montreal has been and gone and what a wonderful experience it was! With over 11,000 attendees, the atmosphere at the various symposiums, meetings and parade was electrifying. It was a great opportunity to meet lots of new faces from all over the world and hear of their experiences and projects. Much was learnt, but I did take the opportunity of telling anyone who would listen, what a great district 105N was and the success we have had in raising £110,000 for the Ukraine appeal - more than any other District in the UK-

thanks to all our members across the District for their efforts. The inauguration of new officers across the world took place and much time was devoted to hearing from our new International President, Lion Brain Sheehan. His theme for his year in office is :=

#### "Together We Can"

Last weekend saw us holding the first District Cabinet meeting of the year in Leeds. Attendance was down on normal, mainly due to holidays and illness. We have agreed that the objectives that the District set are very relevant for taking us forward and Zone Chair and GLA reports in future will be based on progress on each of the five objectives:

- (a) Membership Growth retention, recruitment and launching new Branch Clubs
- (b) Clubs CIO Registered target 100% registered
- (c) Leadership Development Club and District Officer training
- (d) Succession Planning at Club and District levels
- e) MyLCI Reporting improve level of reporting to 100%

May I remind all members that District Cabinet meetings are open for any member to attend and it would be great to see more club representation at these meetings. The next meeting will be on Sunday 30th Oct at the Gosforth Park Hotel, Newcastle. I hope to see you there.

Arrangements are well underway for our District Convention in February 2023 to be held in Bridlington and as you may have heard, our District has been selected to hold the 2023 MD Convention - again at the Gosforth Park Hotel on 5th - 7th May. Both these Conventions create a fabulous environment to meet up with colleagues, make new friends as well as listening and participating in a wide variety of presentations. Please come and join us, even if it just for the main business day on the Saturdays.

You will see an article in this newsletter regarding the recent presentation to a unique Lion. I had great pleasure in meeting Lion Keith Trott MJF at Keighley Charter Dinner. Keith has completed 67 years of dedicated Lions service and is the longest serving member in the British Isles!!!

I continue to get in as many Club visits as possible and I am really impressed about the huge amount of work undertaken in the local communities and the enthusiasm of all members and makes me want to add to our IP's theme:

"Together We Can and Together We Do"

Please remember - Saturday 6th August - Disabled Sports Day at Doncaster - a full, exciting, enjoyable day out. Come along and see for yourself this truly great service in action

#### **District Governor's Diary for Auguste**

01 August 2022	Bradford Central Lions Club	O.V	09 August 2022	Prudhoe Mid Tyne Lions Club	O.V
02 August 2022	Hornsea District Lions Club	O.V	18 August 2022	Filey Lions Club	O.V
06 August 2022	Disabled Fun & Sports Day	O.V	28 August 2022	District N Cabinet Zoom Meeting	
08 August 2022	Tynedale Lions Club	O.V			

O.V Official Club Visit

**C.A** Charter Anniversary

Lion Kevin Hunter
District Governor 105 N

#### **District Governor's Lady's Appeal**

Hello Everyone!!

As the wife of your newly District Governor, it is my privilege to carry on the tradition of launching the charity appeal for this Lions year. I have given this a great deal of thought as well as research, and I would like us to give support to

#### Make a Wish UK

Why have I chosen this particular children charity? As grandparents we all know the joy and happiness that children get from unexpected surprises and making dreams come true and I feel that this charity offers such simple help to thousands of children in bringing happiness to them during times of pain, critical illnesses and hospitalization.

These wishes for children between the ages of 3 and 17 years are believe it or not, relatively small - being a princess or ghostbuster for day, wanting a gaming PC, a trip to the Shard in London, wanting a cabin bed so I can reach the stars - and many more.

A wish empowers a child with choice, when so much else is decided for them. It gives them something positive to look forward to, enjoy and look back on during tough times. In doing so, it builds their resilience and provides precious time with their family to create memories they can all treasure for ever.

I appreciate that this is a national charity, but they do have local branches throughout our District and I would be happy for Clubs to donate direct locally or through myself to their national HQ or on line.

Please look up their website for more details :

make-a-wish.org.uk

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Cynthia Hunter kandchunter@btinternet.com

#### **Keighley Lions Club**

Keighley Lions Club celebrated their 67th Anniversary Charter dinner at Keighley golf club on Saturday 9th July, with guests Town Mayor Luke Maunsell, and Lions District Governor Kevin Hunter, plus many friends from Continued in next column

Lions clubs, Rotary, Sea scouts, and many others with connections to the Keighley Lions members.

The following picture shows DG Kevin Hunter, Mrs Cynthia Hunter, LP Hazel Jiggins, VP Carole Ogden, Town Mayor Luke Mansell and Mrs Anita Mansell



In her President's speech Hazel Jiggins outlined the many achievements and projects during the last year including, amongst donations to various charities and worthy causes, sets of books to be presented to primary schools in the area aimed at the children emphasising how they should care for the environment, this was made possible with a grant towards the cost from Keighley Town Council.

We also celebrated the 67 year accomplishment of Club founder member of Keith Trott, the longest Lion member in the country. Although retired, he still takes an active interest in the local Lions club, and he was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation from Lions Clubs International.



DG Kevin Hunter presenting certificate to Lion Keith Trott

We will be holding a presidential 'handover' party at the end of the month with a social evening and a meal. A new chapter in the life of our club!

Lion Harry Ambler Keighley Lions PR and Marketing Officer

#### **Dumfries Lions Club**

Dumfries Lions Club held its Annual Golf Tournament at Moffat Golf Club on Sat July 9, 2022. Thirteen teams participated in the event which was a 4 man Texas scramble competition with a shotgun start.

It was co-organised by Lion Ken Humphries and Andrew Continued in next column

Edgar of Prostate Buddies and the proceeds just above £1000 pounds will be shared between the Lions Club and Prostate Buddies.

The organisers would like to thank all those who participated, the sponsors who so generously donated prizes and Moffatt Golf Club for their welcoming hospitality.



The photo shows Lion Ken Humphries (right) and Andrew Edgar of Prostate Buddies (left) with the winning team of E Riley (capt), G McNicol, B Scobie and E McNicol.

#### Lions take ocean plastics message into schools

Dumfries Lions Club are delighted to be sponsoring the Wild Tribe Heroes children's books Duffy's Lucky Escape, Marli's Tangled Tale, Nelson's Dangerous Dive, Buddy's Rainforest Rescue, Hunter's Icy Adventure, Sunny's Blazing Battle and Ziggy's Frightening Flight which have been donated to Georgetown, Noblehill, St Andrew's and St Michael's Primary Schools.

The books written by environmentalist Ellie Jackson, herself a primary school teacher, follow a range of different animals as they overcome problems in their environment caused by climate change.

Lion's Club President Jock Carlyle said "We hope these resources will inspire a generation to learn about the impact of ocean plastics and how we can all make positive changes to the world around us."



#### **Dumfries Lions Club Bowl**

At a recent Ceremony of Graduation at the University of Glasgow in Dumfries ,Edwina Nisha Dominic was presented with the Dumfries Lions Club Bowl which was donated by the Club in 2018 to the University to mark the Centenary of Lions International.



Edwina is pictured proudly showing the Bowl following the presentation to her.

#### **Visit from Down Under**

Lion Richard Philpott from the Queanbeyan Lions Club in NSW Australia visited the Dumfries Lions Club at their June Club meeting on his recent visit to Dumfries and Galloway to meet up with relatives. Richard gave a talk on his own Club and enjoyed being part of the Club meeting that evening.



President Jock Carlyle is pictured exchanging banners with Richard.

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#### **New Members**

Two new members were inducted into the Dumfries Club by PDG Bill Walker, Robert Copland and Colin Coupland are pictured with their Club sponsors John MacColl and Jock Carlyle.



John MacColl said following their induction at the June meeting "we are delighted to welcome Robert and Colin and confident that both of them will made a considerable contribution to the Club"

Lion John MacColl
Dumfries Lions Club

#### **Knaresborough Lions Club**

After two years serving as President of Knaresborough Lions, due to the pandemic, Lion Mike Pyle has stepped down in favour of Lion Richard Hall. Lion Bob Godsell has become Vice President.



The photo attached show Lions Bob, Richard and Mike in front of other members of the club and partners at the club's change-over night on 9 July.

The whole event was a success with everyone present thoroughly enjoying themselves

Lion Nigel Perry PR Officer, Knaresborough Lions Club

#### **Garforth & District Lions Club**

#### Summer Gala 26 June 2022

Garforth and District Lions held our first Summer Gala in three years on the 26<sup>th</sup> June, the day was sunny and warm, which helped to boost the attendance.

There were many stalls run by groups and organisations from our local community. These included the Ladies Craft stall, local food producers, and charities such as The Guide Dogs, RSPB, Garforth Hedgehog Rescue. Plus two local Art Clubs exhibiting paintings.



On the Lion's stand we had activities for Children such as badge making, balloons and games. There was also a fairground for the Children and the Lion's bar for the weary adults.



We had a fun packed schedule of arena events, Caroline Atha School of Dance, Sherburn Community Gymnastic Club, Tailwagger Club Display Team and York Birds of Prey Centre Flying Display.



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We are grateful for the help of our fellow Lions, their families and the Scouts, who helped to set up and run the event. It was great to be back, onwards and upwards.

Lion Lorraine Darby
Public Relations Officer Garforth and District Lions Club

#### **Doncaster Lions Club**

The Commonwealth Games kicks off with an opening ceremony on 28th July 2022 and will be hosted in Birmingham, UK. There are around 5000 athletes competing in over 250 events in 20 sports with around 56 members of Commonwealth nations expected to take part. Leading up to the Games is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Baton Relay. Members of the public were nominated to hold the prestigious baton and one of those chosen was our own, Doncaster Lion, Lee Pitcher.



This is Lee's story...

Growing up in one of London's most deprived boroughs, Lee was homeless for a period as a child. It was this experience that gave him the inner drive to want to be his very best and help others. Working three jobs, he put himself through university gaining a Masters degree.

He has gone on to have a great career, spanning over two decades where his work is now at the forefront of climate change adaptation, recognised by the British Quality Foundation and saw him invited to do a live keynote speech at COP26.

He dedicates all of his spare time giving back to the community; a committed Doncaster Lion, Chair of Governors, a voluntary Chairman of the arts charity, Absolutely Cultured and a Hatfield (Yorkshire) Town Councillor.

As a Doncaster Lion, Lion Lee is part of a team, who in the last year have walked hundreds of miles along the Doncaster streets every night through December

with a sleigh to meet thousands of children - who would not ordinarily get to meet Father Christmas, have supported numerous fundraising events, recently raising significant moneys to send Scouts abroad to represent Yorkshire at the international jamboree, and amongst other things, held the Children's Christmas Party for over 100 local school kids with special educational needs.

It was members of the Doncaster Lions who nominated Lion Lee for his contributions to the community for all of his various projects.

Lion Lee said "this was one of the proudest moments of my entire life. Never growing up did I ever envisage one day doing something as extraordinary and special as this. It's an absolute honour and really quite overwhelming! My face is still aching from the ear to ear beam I had from start to finish!"

Every day his volunteering makes a difference to the lives of residents and puts smiles on people's faces who have sometimes forgotten they can smile.

Lion Lee was a Queen's Baton Bearer in Market Weighton on July 13th cheered on by friends, family, colleagues and Lion President, Lion Brian Ross MJF.

Lion Brian Ross President Doncaster Lions Club

#### **Membership**

We welcome the following members into District 105N and into Lions Clubs International

Lion Terence Craig Dalbeattie & District Lions Club

Lion Mathew Browning Filey Lions Club Lion Claire Browning Filey Lions Club

Lion Louise Prince Transferred to Prudhoe Mid Tyne

Lions Club

Lion lan Johnson Tynedale Lions Club

Lion Marilyn Bennett

District 105N MYLCI Co-ordinator

## YOUNG LEADERS

Have you any young people aged between 8 and 18 years of age willing to give service to the local community and also become involved with their Lions Clubs, make new friends, find new interests as well as enhancing their CVs

I am looking for Clubs willing to participate in this scheme – Young Leaders in Service.

The start date is your choice and will be for a maximum for 12 months after your start date.

The service involves helping the environment (litter picking, planting trees), education (helping a child or adult to learn to read/write), service for children (visiting children in hospital) and these are just a few of the suggestions that they might be interested in doing – the list is endless.

#### The awards for this scheme are:

Bronze – 25-49 hours Silver – 50-99 hours Gold – 100 or more hours

When everything is completed the Young Leader will receive a certificate, a letter of congratulations and a choice of a metal pin or cloth badge after the 12 month period.

If you are interested in this you can call me on Home Telephone 01302 536472,
Mobile 07731951654

or even email me on <a href="mailto:musicline02@yahoo.co.uk">musicline02@yahoo.co.uk</a>.

I am also willing to visit your Club (providing the mileage is not too great) and discuss this further.

Lion Christine Whiteley DO 105N Young Leader in Service

In order to publish the September edition on time please ensure your articles are with me no later than

# Wednesday 24th August 2022

Lion George W Morgan
District 105N Newsletter Editor