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District Governor 105N

Fellow Lions, Leos and Partners

February has been a busy month with convention and club visits. I am pleased to say that our District Convention in sunny Bridlington was extremely well attended with 140 Lions attending the Saturday business sessions and 112 Lions and partners attending the Saturday evening Banquet & Ball. Sincere thanks must go to our speakers for giving us such informative presentations that were extremely

well received by all. In addition to the various club awards made during the day, five further well deserved awards were presented by our International quest, ID Teresa Dineen:-

International Foundation Chairperson Awards - PDG Dave Wilson for his services as District Governor and PDG Roy Chambers for his service as International Foundation Officer

International Presidents Leadership Awards; - ZC Jock Carlyle (Dumfries) and PDG Andrew Kerr Sutherland

International Presidents Service Award - Lion Auriol Henton (Thorne Rural))

MJF Award - Mrs Christine Wilson for her service within her local community and her unwavering support to Filey Lions.

A great and memorable weekend made that much better by the organizing committee of Filey Lions - thank you. One particular unscheduled event that stood out was the impromptu commitments given by 12 clubs to pledge £300 each to Medic Alert - this wonderful act bought 1200 years of Medic alert support to children in our District. Our District Treasurer has asked me to remind clubs who have not yet forwarded their pledged donations, to do so as soon as possible. A reminder to all clubs - we are looking for a club / clubs / zone to host our 2024 convention - please let me know asap if you are prepared to help.

Any feedback on your thoughts of how your time at the Convention went would be gratefully received.

Sadly as we all returned home after that weekend, we were faced with the devastating news of the earthquakes that had hit Turkey and Syria. Clubs in our District (and across the world) immediately went into fund raising action. Hopefully, you will have seen the separate update note that I have sent out to highlight what we have achieved in a little over two weeks. £27,000 so far and rising !!! Keep looking on our 'Lions District 105 North' Facebook page for all the latest updates of events.

As I write this article, I am delighted to announce that we have recruited 101 new members since the start of our year. Each and every one is warmly welcomed into our great organization. A special mention must also go to those six new members who now form our latest Branch club -Middlesborough & East Cleveland. Many thanks to Darlington Club for taking on such a great expansion opportunity and all the support you are giving to them.

I am also pleased to announce that Lion Jon Lines of Garforth Club has taken up the role of District Prostrate Cancer Officer. Together with other members of Garforth Lions, he has been involved in setting up screening days in their local area and will be pleased to offer advice to any Club to support this important initiative.

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Please remember that your MD Convention which will be held at Gosforth Park, Newcastle on 6th & 7th May is open to all members to attend. Register now for what will be a great convention !!!

District Governor's Diary for February

02 Mar 2023	Consett Lions Club	O.V	14 Mar 2023	Dumbarton Lions Club	O.V
07 Mar 2023	South Wolds Branch Club	O.V	15 Mar 2023	Dalbeattie Lions Club	O.V
08 Mar 2023	Portland Lions Club	O.V	18 Mar 2023	Maltby Rother Valley Lions Club	C.A
09 Mar 2023	Leeds & Skyrack Lions Club	O.V	21 Mar 2023	Helensburgh Lions Club	O.V
12 Mar 2023	Rothwell District Lions Club	C.A	22 Mar 2023	Oban & Lorn Lions Club	O.V
13 Mar 2023	Dumfries Lions Club	O.V			

C.A Charter Anniversary

O.V Official Club Visit

Lion Kevin Hunter District Governor 105N

Selection of Convention 2023 Photographs













Turkish & Syrian Earthquake Disaster Update

Dear Lions and Friends in Service.

Conditions in Turkey:

The Turkish people have begun to refer to the recent earthquake that struck their country and Syria as "The Greatest Disaster of the Century." It has been followed by several large aftershocks. 15 million people in the South and Southeast regions of Turkey have been affected throughout 10 provinces. Cities have been destroyed in a region that already hosts the highest population of Syrian refugees and Kurds. CNN reported this afternoon that the death toll had surpassed 45,000 with many more homeless and in the dead of winter. To date we have reports of one Lion and his family dying in their collapsed home in this disaster.

Turkish Lion Response:

The Lions of Turkey have formed two committees. One to manage LCIF's recently approved US\$200,000 Major Catastrophe grant, and another to plan and carry out long-term disaster projects. The committees include Lions from affected regions and experts in earthquake and disaster relief.

Request for Donations to come to LCIF:

Members of the committee have contacted LCIF asking that we encourage donations of assistance to come directly to LCIF rather than to individuals or clubs. The reasons for this include the following:

- Donations sent to LCIF can be managed by the committees of the Lions of Turkey to best assure resources are directed in ways that prioritize greatest need, impact, & efficiency; in coordination with other aid organization and local government efforts.
- A central reserve of donations will allow the committees to best understand the resources available for their efforts
- Regulations governing money transferred from abroad can bring unwanted attention to individuals or clubs when money is transferred directly to them. LCIF is a recognized partner.

I have been asked that we use our volunteer network to communicate these requests to our clubs. Well-meaning Leo clubs and clubs with sister clubs are some that need most to be made aware of these issues.

Earmarking Donations:

All Disaster Relief donations sent to LCIF that are noted for the earthquake in Turkey and Syria will be earmarked for grants requested from the established Turkish committees.

Credit for donations to this disaster include the following:

MJF and PMJF eligible

Lions Share pin eligible upon request

Qualify as payments against Campaign 100 pledges

Qualify as payments against Campaign 100 Model Club Commitments

Designated Disaster Relief donations do not qualify for District and Community Club Impact Grants because auditing standards require that LCIF use the entirety of all designated donations as per the donor's intent.

Syrian projects:

LCIF's disaster relief model provides grants to Lions as a way to assure judicious use of funds. As of yet, there have been no grant requests for Syria. Given the scope and scale of this tragedy, LCIF is considering work with trusted partners and will consider proposals from Lions from other countries on a case-by-case basis.

Communication requests:

Please share this information with your District Coordinators and Single District Coordinators as quickly as possible, and ask that they similarly cascade the information to the clubs in their district. Continued overleaf

Please contact me if you are unsure about questions or concerns that may arise as the result of this message. Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Paul Steele

Development Manager: Europe & Africa// LCIF

Lions Clubs International Foundation

Castleford and Pontefract District Lions Club

When Turkey and Syria were hit by a 7.8 magnitude earthquake killing over 45,000 people and injuring thousands more, Lions Clubs International Foundation instantly mobilised a major catastrophe grant of \$200,000 allowing the Lions in Turkey to get to work straight. In less than four hours from the time the earthquake hit, Lions were serving their first warm meal of hot rice and chicken soup for thousands of victims and support workers.





Lions and Leos are working in shifts serving food to up to 4,000 people per day, as well as distributing beds, blankets, toiletries, underwear, socks, shoes, boots, toys, games and nappies. furthermore when the weather got cold and there was no electricity they also brought in stoves, metal barrels and 40 tons of wood to provide warmth in the emergency tent area.

After 10 days of constant sanitizing and following Covid safety guidelines, Lions and other NGO's were asked to leave their sites because of rising Covid numbers but instead of walking away Lions set-up two warehouses so they could continue to distribute masks, disinfectant and water.

The victims of this earthquake will need support for months and even years ahead and Castleford & Pontefract District Lions Club ClO are just one of many Clubs in the UK who have raised funds to support our fellow Lions. In just over a week, we collected £2655.89 and throughout the MD 105 Lions have so far collected over £200,000. Every penny collected by Lions Clubs goes directly to help those who have suffered as a result of this disaster and all administration costs are covered by the Lions organisation.





Inside the Tents in the Lions village – Each tent sleeps 5 people and has floor insulation and heating elements

Lion Jeannette Morgan Secretary, Castleford & Pontefract District Lions Club

Morpeth Lions Club

The Editor
Morpeth Herald
Bondgate Without
ALNWICK

Dear Sir.

As President of the Lions Club of Morpeth, I am writing to thank you for publicising the Street Collection held yesterday in Morpeth in aid of those affected by the terrible earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

As ever the public were generous, with many having contributed to other organisations. I am pleased to inform you that, despite sometimes inclement weather, a total of £1302 was collected.

In addition, the Management of Asda in Ashington kindly allowed us to collect at their store; thus giving the people of Ashington the opportunity to contribute. A total of £539 was achieved there.



This means that as well as the £1185 already sent to Lions Clubs International the local contributions add up to £2926. These funds will be distributed to Lions Clubs in Turkey and Syria and they will be able to apply them to whatever need is greatest. As usual there will be no administrative costs so that every penny will count.

We are always grateful to the generous public and to Asda for their co-operation. In addition our friends in the Rotary Club helped on the day together with Lions wives and friends and this has been invaluable. Thank you also to contact for the use of their premises on Saturday. It has been a busy two weeks for our Club members however we have shown that we were up for the challenge. The knowledge that our efforts will bring some comfort and relief to those suffering from the earthquakes gives us great satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

Lion Peter Crook
President, The Lions Club of Morpeth.

A new branch of Lions UK.

The Middlesbrough and East Cleveland Lions Club was chartered on 17th January 2023.

Formed by Lion Firas Soudani, the new club will be sponsored by Darlington Lions Club until they have the sufficient new members required.

The five new Middlesbrough and East Cleveland Lions have all been inducted into Lionism by Darlington Lions Club president Tony Gent who also inducted his wife Ann as a new member of Darlington Lions Club. Zone Chairman Sue Barron also attended the occasion.



Back row standing left to right - Lions Carl Blake, Firas Soudani, Suvodeep Paul, Mo Ayach and Zone Chairman Sue Barron.

Front row sitting - Lions Ann Gent, Veerle Van Tricht and Joanne Murphy.

Lion Robert Hillary..
PR. Officer, Darlington Lions Club.

Thorne Rural Lions Club



Thorne Rural Lions installed a defribulator on Pine Hall road near the junction of Station Road, Barnby Dun in memory of Lion Dennis Drury MJF.

Pictured Lions Beverley and Auriol at the installation.

Lion Barry Goforth Secretary, Thorne Rural Lions Club

Hornsea District Lions Club

Hornsea District club members were made aware of the fact that non of the Primary Schools in our area had a Defibrillator on site. So it was decided to purchase and instal a Defibrillator in each of the five schools.

ZC Jenny Eldred MJF was the prime mover in the project and visited and spoke to each of the Heads. Lion John Briggs MJF did some research and was able to purchase them for a total cost of just over £4000. He was also responsible for installing them on the premises. Staff at the schools have now been trained how to use them.

A photo shoot was arranged at .Long Riston, Sigglesthorne, Skirlaugh . Hornsea Burton and Hornsea Community Schools.



Long Riston School



Sigglesthorne School



Skirlaugh School



Hornsea School



Burton and Hornsea Community School

Lion Mel Watson Hornsea District Lions Club

Ayr & Prestwick Lions Club

It was a first for Ayr & Prestwick Lions Club when Lion President Gordon Macdonald received a letter from Sharon Dowey MSP enclosing a copy of a motion to the Scottish Parliament congratulating the club for its achievements in recycling used spectacles.

The club has been doing this for a number of years and recently more opticians and other voluntary groups have set up collection points. The publicity which the club obtained in November 2022 when dispatching 3,600 pairs of spectacles to Lions MD HQ has resulted in more enquiries and full bins. Lion Robin White has worked tirelessly sorting the glasses in preparation for dispatch.

Since the beginning of 2023 Ayr & Prestwick Lions Club has been visiting a total of ten primary schools in Ayr, Prestwick, Maybole and Tarbolton to present sets of Ellie Jackson's books on climate change.

These have all been received with great enthusiasm and followed an initial presentation to Alloway Primary School which prompted requests from other schools.



Tarbolton Primary School



Garden Rose School

Lion Alec Mooney Ayr & Prestwick Lions Club

Knaresborough Lions Club

Lions District Governor Kevin Hunter presented two Melvin Jones Fellowships to members of Knaresborough Lions at the club's Charter Dinner on 11 February.

The two awards were presented to long-serving stalwarts Lisa Swiers and Bob Godsell.



In our photo are, left to right, DG Kevin Hunter, Lisa Swiers, Bob Godsell and Richard Hall, president of Knaresborough Lions.

Lion Nigel Perry Knaresborough Lions Club

Thirsk & Northallerton Lions Club

The DG Lion Kevin Hunter awarded Margaret Black his DG Appreciation Award. Margaret has done the Independent examination of the District Administration and Foundation Accounts since District N formed, she does this for a small fee which is immediately donated back to the Thirsk and Northallerton Lions Club



Margaret herself is heavily involved as a Trustee of Langton Square Community Centre in Coulby Newham where she puts in many voluntary hours of service each week.

Margaret also provides valuable support for Lion John to do his Lions activities and club role, including being his 'Zoom' manager.

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Lion John Black

Lion John has just completed 10 years' service at the club.

From the start Lion John has demonstrated his willingness to do service to the community either through Lions or through helping Margaret in her work at Langdon Square.

He is always available for club activities unless of course is he sunning himself abroad or rolling the woods down the Green performing his role as Chair and President at Hutton Rudby bowls Club.

He has become Mr Santa at Christmas for the club and sometimes for Northallerton itself. This year he did 12 days on the trot, including 5 hours outside Tesco in the freezing cold where he demonstrated excellent bladder control.

John has done many Car Boot sales for the club, and is slowly reducing his stock in his garage. The money raised as a private individual is given as a donation to the club. Both John and Margaret are always on hand to help out any club member who may need support and advice. Lion John has also supported Zone, District and Multiple District events when possible.

Despite protesting that he never wanted to be an officer he was persuaded to do two years as Club President, a lot of that time though was in the Covid years and working the wonders of Zoom.

If you calculated the hours John has given to Lions over the years it would run into thousands.

Very worthy of an MJF.



DG Kevin presenting Lion John with his MJF

PDG David Wells
Thirsk & Northallerton Lions Club

First we welcome new members to our merry throng, Lions Ruth Payne, Annette Gregory and Peter Ormerod, lifting our membership to 21, with others waiting in the wings.



Lion President Carole inducting Lions Ruth Payne and Annette Gregory



Lion President Carole inducting Lion Peter Ormerod

On the social side a dominoes evening when we welcomed friends from Brighouse club and other loyal supporters raising much needed funds towards our admin account, then planning ahead for our charter dinner.

One oncoming event...date to be announced, a drop-in diabetes help and support day at Sight Airedale. Information and meeting with knowledgeable people along with tea and biccies...very informal and friendly.

Now that the new school year is established, we will follow up on the results of last year's children's book distribution, and hopefully collect feedback from the schools involved.. with all our new and enthusiastic members, we are looking at other projects, local fetes and galas where we can raise funds necessary for our core existence, but also to make sure that we are seen to be active.

Lion Harry Ambler PR and Marketing Officer Keighley Lions Club

Denby Dale District Lions Club

Flippin' Pancake Fun!!

Denby Dale District Lions Club were recently invited to enter a team into Denby Dale First School's first ever Pancake Race!! We duly obliged and, whilst we didn't raise the trophy, we did manage a creditable semi-final place.

We also had a stand at the event to promote Lions Clubs and the work that we do within our community, handing out promotional leaflets as well as raffling some cuddly Lions and giving out lollies to the children.

Pictured below is the Lions team comprising Lions Lara Beech, David Chappell and David Absolon shown alongside Headteacher Geoff Billing aka Bananaman!!



Whilst at the event, we took the opportunity to present the School with a set of the Ellie Jackson Environment Books which were gratefully and enthusiastically received.

Pictured below doing the handover is Lion PRO David Absolon with Headteacher Geoff Billing and two of his pupils.



Lion David Absolon PR Officer, Denby Dale District Lions Club

First & Second Vice District Governors

Following the discussions at our District Convention in Bridlington where no nominations for the above posts were forthcoming, we now have vacancies for the above positions for the 2023/24 year.

Nominations for District 105N 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors for the year 2023/2024 should be sent to the District Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer-

Lion Trevor Kell,
19 The Avenue.
South Milford,
Leeds
LS25 5BB
(trevorkell@hotmail.com)

to reach him

NOT LATER THAN MONDAY 12th JUNE 2023.

A statement as to their qualifications, experience and suitability not exceeding 250 words in length should accompany the Nominations of any Lion for the office of 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor.

The statement should be signed by the President of the Club submitting the nomination and by the candidate signifying their willingness to accept the nomination and approval of the statement.

Attention is drawn to the minimum qualifications required of candidates to fill the vacancies for the offices of Vice District Governors: -

- a) The candidate shall have served as an Officer of a Lions Club for a full term or a major portion thereof.
- b) The candidate shall have served as a member of the Cabinet for a full term or major portion thereof.

(N.B. With none of the above being accomplished concurrently)

c) The candidate shall not have completed a full term or major portion thereof as District Governor.

Following the submission of nominations, a special meeting via Zoom call of officers entitled to vote (District Governor and Past District Governors) will be held on Saturday 1st July 2023 to appoint members into these roles

Lion Kevin Hunter
District Governor 105N

Lions Competitions District 105N. 2023.

Winner's.

International relations. Bridlington.

Peace poster. Two glass trophies.

Roar.

Club of the year. Tickhill & District.
 Sec. Of the year. Lion Alan Ashburn-

er.

6. Best % mem. Gain. Boroughbridge 98.
7. Peter shaw. Boroughbridge 98.
8. Rookie if the year. Lion Claire Brown-

ing Filey.

Web page. Doncaster.
 Travelling lion Thorne Rural.

11. Host club. Castleford & Pontefract.12. Photo comp. Bill Walker, Dumfries.

13. Scrap book. Hornsea.

All trophies but one were returned to convention "Peter Shaw". The club who won it a couple of years ago, have been asked and ,sadly, say they never received it. **Who has it?.** Will all members please, search for this trophy, and let me have it. Maybe a past member has it, please ask anyone you think may have it.

If not returned, the district will have to purchase a new one which will be added to all our subs.

If anyone has info please contact me on

riffield58@gmail.com

Lion Roy Field, MJF Competition Officer,

Obituaries

Lion Eve Nelson MJF. Harrogate Lions Club

We are sad to announce the passing onto higher of Lion Eve Nelson MJF on Thursday 23 February.

Eve was a long serving member of Harrogate Lions and had held many offices within the club, including that of President on two occasions. She also served Lions at a district level as Zone Chair.

Despite her ill health, Eve was involved in a number of our club's events throughout the last year and was an active member of the committee coordinating our 2022 Christmas activities.

Eve will not just be remembered for her cheerful and friendly nature, but for wanting to help the Worldwide community. RIP

Membership

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

Lion Nicholas Jess

Lion Pauline Lumb Boroughbridge 98 Lions Club Lion Ian Swallow Boroughbridge 98 Lions Club Lion Elaine Swallow Boroughbridge 98 Lions Club Lion Haider Mahmood Bradford Central Lions Club Derwent Lions Club Lion David Kay Goole District Lions Club Lion Louise L'Amie Lion Ruth Payne Keighley Lions Club Keighley Lions Club Lion Annette Gregory Lion Peter Ormerod Keighley Lions Club Lion George Simpson Knaresborough Lions Club Lion Jim Fletcher Maltby Rother Valley Lions Club Lion Jean Fletcher Maltby Rother Valley Lions Club Lion Stuart Abercrombie Oban & Lorne Lions Club Oban & Lorne Lions Club Lion Jim Lynch Lion Grant Nicholson Oban & Lorne Lions Club Oban & Lorne Lions Club Lion Gary Hamilton Lion Sean McMahon-Harris Oban & Lorne Lions Club Lion Neil Owen Oban & Lorne Lions Club

Lion Marilyn Bennett District 105N MLCY Co-ordinator

Lion Michael Brown

Lion Kaleigh Brown

Lion Miles Akery

Global Leadership Team - District Coordinator

Thorne Rural Lions Club

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An exciting opportunity exists for a member who is passionate about the development of leadership within our District.

As our District continues to gain momentum in its development, we must ensure that we are able to provide the people with the necessary skills to its support progress.

This role does not require you to be able to deliver training but does require strong administrative and organising skills to ensure all resources that are available within the Multiple District and District are used to our best advantage to deliver leadership development.

If you are interested, please contact District Governor Kevin Hunter

email: kandchunter@btinternet.com,

Mobile: 0780 385 1395

to discuss further. Closing date; 3rd April 2023

Library In a Box

The Library in a Box Project administered by Minster Lions Club of York is still operational and we have been asked by the Lions Clubs of Sri Lanka to keep sending children's books as they distribute them to schools and libraries throughout the country.

Lions Clubs throughout the 105N District have been magnificent in collecting and packing books for us in the past and we are hoping that you would search your areas for quantities of unwanted **children's books** again.

We appreciate the potential logistical problems of getting them to us, but please call and we will organise a collection.

Over the years since inception in 2006, Minster Lions have packed and sent over 153,000 books to Sri Lanka.

The project has been an incredible success story and was started by PDG Lion George Bennett, who is sadly deceased, following a visit to Sri Lanka to witness the recovery work after the tsunami and noticing that there were no readable books within the schools as they had been destroyed in the floods.

The Lions Clubs in Sri Lanka have been overjoyed and extremely thankful for the books received which have been distributed to Lions Clubs throughout the country.

Sri Lankan Lions Clubs have initiated a fantastic new project by converting old buses to mobile libraries and are anxious to receive more books. We are collecting for another shipment so more wanted please!

Would you please note, however, that we are requesting only children's books and not adult.

Please get in touch with Lion Rob James MJF
Tel. 01904 693586 Email: robert.james@zen.co.uk

Emergency Toiletries Packs

Also known as **Hospital Packs**

Minster Lions Club of York CIO have produced a new pack.

These packs comprise a paper towel, tablet of soap, shampoo shower sachets, comb, toothbrush, and toothpaste.

The principle of these packs is that they are donated by Lions Clubs for use in hospitals, hospices, disaster, and flood emergencies, when parents, guardians, friends, and colleagues accompany patients who, for instance, are admitted to hospital in an emergency, having had no

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time or means to provide their own toiletries.

The packs are priced to Lions Clubs at £1.50 per pack in quantities of 100 (£150.00) plus carriage

*Price held at £1.50 per pack whilst stocks last

Also available is a Shaving Pack priced at £1.90 per pack in quantities of 10 (£19.00) plus carriage

They are available to order from Lion Rob James, Minster Lions Club of York CIO

Please make contact in the first instance before payment by either Email: robert.james@zen.co.uk

Telephone: York 01904 693586

THORNE RURAL LIONS CLUB

Early Summer Charity Walk

Sunday 14th May 2023

Town Fields Pavilion to Lakeside,

Around the Lake and Return to Start

5 Mile Route starting at 10am

Book in at the Pavilion from 9am

Wheelchair and pushchair friendly walk on public highway footpath. Suitable for dogs. Walk is suitable for stroller/beginner or strider/accomplished walker

Registration and Sponsor Forms are available from: Lion Christine Whiteley 18 Milton Road, Branton, Doncaster.

DN3 3PB

T: 01302 536472

E: musicline02@yahoo.co.uk www.thornerurallions.org.uk

Every penny raised from the Lions charity walk is used for good causes within our community. This year we are fundraising in aid of Parkinson's Disease Doncaster Support Group.



In order to publish the April edition on time please your articles must be with me by

24th April 2023

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