

## **OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER, LION GEOFF LEEDER,** **PAST CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL**

Past Council Chairman Geoff has a distinguished record of service to our Association, dating back some 42 years since he became a member of Luton Lions Club. During that time he has never let wider service to Lions Clubs International affect his involvement in the activities of the Luton Club.

Since 1982, Geoff has served in a wide range of roles in District 105A, covering such fields as International Relations, Drug Awareness, LCIF, Membership Retention and Extension, Information Technology, Diabetes Education, Europa Forum, Leadership Development, District Secretary and District Governor.

In 1993 he was elected the Chairman of the Council of Governors after which took on the mammoth task as Host Committee Secretary for the 1998 International Convention in Birmingham.

Since 1998, not only has Geoff continued with roles in District 105A but he has taken on Multiple District roles concerned with International Conventions and Europa Fora.

Over the last nine years Geoff has represented our Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in the British Isles and six years ago was appointed as the Area Leader for Leadership Development in this part of Europe covering our Multiple District, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, Israel, the Principality of Andorra and Gibraltar.

Having had extensive experience of training adults, both with his work in the pharmaceutical industry and in our Multiple District, Geoff's skills and knowledge have been utilised as a seminar leader at several International Conventions, European Fora and special Advanced Lions Leadership Institutes across Europe; not surprisingly he comes from a family of educators!

Geoff is married to May, a retired senior nurse, who actively supports his service in Lionism and has readily committed herself to his efforts at every stage throughout their travels world-wide.

Last year in Blackpool, Geoff was endorsed as our nominee for International Director, 2018-20, to be elected in Las Vegas this July at the 101<sup>st</sup> International Convention.

