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### 105W NEWS UPDATE

Lion Sally Marsh - District Governor



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#### Dear Fellow Lions

Over the weekend of 26th - 27th January I attended the 3rd Council of Governors' Meeting of this Lions year. A very busy two days, working with fellow District Governors on your behalf and also enjoying some social time together. I am now looking forward to the many events that are coming up when Colin and I will have opportunities to meet with you all.

I have received many invites to attend Club Charters and look forward to joining you in the coming weeks as well as at District Convention, 1st – 3rd March. I hope it is in your diary and you have booked. If you haven't please do so by 10th February, the booking form is on the District website, [lions105w.org.uk](http://lions105w.org.uk), phone the Aztec Hotel and Spa direct to book a room. On Friday night following the buffet, we will be entertained by popular Comedian, Tank Sherman, for an evening of good clean fun. The business meeting on Saturday will include speakers from Diabetes UK, CLIC Sargent (Young Lives v Cancer) and our keynote speaker International Director Lion Dr. Walter Zemrosse. The duo Jagged Hands will entertain us at the banquet and ball on Saturday evening.



Don't forget to bring your used spectacles along. Our twin District 103 Normandie will be joining us for the weekend and will, as in previous years, take them to Medico on their return to France.

I will be attending the Young Ambassador Final at The Village Hotel, Dudley on the 23rd and 24th February. The Sunday morning presentations by the young ambassadors are inspirational and if you are able to come it is certainly worth the journey.

3rd - 5th May is Multiple District Convention in Swansea. There is more information at the end of this News Update.

Plans are underway for the District litter pick, during week commencing 22nd April and a poster and guide will be

available for clubs soon. Watch out for the email. A service opportunity to involve volunteers and show one of the many ways in which We Serve. Let's All Work Together within our communities with fun and fellowship.

*Lion Sally Marsh, District Governor, 105W.*

#### Membership Welcome ...

During January, District Governor Lion Sally welcomed the following member to the family of Lions:

<b>Llantwit Major &amp; Cowbridge</b>	Julian Jones.
<b>Ross on Wye</b>	Moira Male.
<b>Tetbury</b>	Richard Glanville Nick Tucker.

#### 105W Members end of January 2019 – 865



#### Christmas Lunch ...

Ross on Wye Lions were happy to be involved in providing Christmas Day lunch for those who might otherwise be alone that day. This has become an established community event and brings in new volunteers as well as Lions. There is a lot of interest in this event from other local groups, several of whom make donations in cash or goods as food or gifts and it always makes a good photo opportunity for the local paper!



*Sue Wilding, Ross on Wye.*

## Membership Matters. ...



How long before you start planning your Easter and spring activities?

We spend a lot of time making plans for our fundraising and Service activities – how much time do we spend

on planning our Membership Activities?

Everyone tells me their Club needs more members but does every Club have a plan for Membership Activity or do we just hope that people will see us and want to join us?

There is no easy quick solution to Membership and just like other things we do, it needs a plan that covers the next couple of years. It won't happen if we don't make it happen!

If you need help or ideas on how to develop a plan, then please look at the Club Membership Resources at [www.lions105w.org.uk/ClubMembers.htm](http://www.lions105w.org.uk/ClubMembers.htm)

If you have views or questions on anything Membership related, please feel free to get in touch.

Sue Wilding. [membership@lions105w.org.uk](mailto:membership@lions105w.org.uk)

## Officers & Trustees ...

Time is fast approaching when clubs will be considering their officers for the 2019/20 Lionistic Year. CIOs and Clubs with Charitable Trusts are reminded of the legal requirement for prospective candidates to sign a 'Declaration of Willingness to be a Charity Trustee' prior to the election taking place. This requirement applies to all Lions who are nominated for the offices of President, Secretary, Treasurer and Trustee. In the unlikely event that a Lion finds that they are unable to sign this declaration they are ineligible to stand for election for the offices of President, Secretary, Treasurer or Trustee and must withdraw their nomination. This requirement is an annual process and applies to those Lions who are being re-elected in to their current office.

The required forms and information have been uploaded to the District Website and can be found on the members resources page, under Club Management [www.lions105w.org.uk/ClubMembers.htm](http://www.lions105w.org.uk/ClubMembers.htm)

Please address any questions or seek advice from me:

Lion David McKirdy, 105W CIO Mentor

[davidmckirdy@aol.com](mailto:davidmckirdy@aol.com)

## Community Gift Card ...

Following on from the strong support provided by Tetbury Lions for the local Food Bank, the Club has extended this initiative by creating a Community Gift Card. Targeting those in need is perhaps our greatest challenge and this scheme sits well with our 'We Serve' motto and the Club's ideology of offering direct help to people in the local community.

In the build up to Christmas; the local butcher set aside for this project twenty large mixed hampers and ten smaller ones. Gift cards, clearly numbered and identifying the type of hamper, were issued by the Food Bank, each with instructions on the collection procedure. All the food hampers were distributed and the response has been very positive. A single mum said the hamper was like a gift from heaven, a large family with a dad who was the bread winner, unable to work and claiming emergency benefits were

reduced to tears and some shared their hamper and cooked for other neighbours who were on their own.

The Gift Card scheme is not just for Christmas, they will also be issued by the Food Bank or other frontline organisations (social prescriber, schools, doctors, community nurses etc) for specific events in the town throughout the year, primarily for the benefit of the needy young and old. Each card will be uniquely numbered and issued in batches so that the Lions Club can monitor take up. They will be issued on an individual basis to be handed in at the participating event in exchange for entry. The Community Gift Cards will be distributed at varying times of the year to tie in with local events. Payment for any event for a block booking will be either through joint sponsorship or directly funded by the Tetbury Lions.

Tetbury Lions are now confident they have a proven method of ensuring that the benefit goes directly to where it is most needed in the community.

Ken White, PRO, Tetbury.

## Defibrillators ...

There were two 10 year old defibrillators, one at Hay-on-Wye Surgery and one at Talgarth, which were in need of updating.

It is vital that the surgery equipment is kept up to date and the Black Mountains Lions were very pleased to be able to help support this venture by contributing £2000.00 to the total cost.

There is now an up to date, highly sophisticated defibrillator kept in the treatment room together with the emergency trolley, in both the Haygarth Surgeries.



*Pictured are Dr Grigg with Haygarth staff members along with BM Lions President Jenny McKirdy, David James, Lion David McKirdy and Lion Cheryl Hyde.*

*Cheryl Hyde, Communications, Black Mountains.*

## LCIF and Melvin Jones Fellowships ...

I have discovered that in some clubs there is a misunderstanding about how credits are accumulated for an MJF.

MJFs are available by purchase from Lions Clubs International Foundation. It is not an award although clubs can use it in this way. It is a way of donating to LCIF. A payment of \$1000 will secure an MJF.

Credits can be accumulated by making donations to a number of LCIF projects and appeals. For some donations it will be necessary to state that they are to be considered a part payment for an MJF. Each month the LCIF Coordinator for

the District receives an update on the credits for every club in the District and a printout of club donations sent via the District Treasurer.

Donations to other projects even though they may be supported by our Multiple District e.g Korle Bu, Gift for Living, Lions Sight Savers Trust do not accumulate credits because the donations are not to LCIF. For the same reason donations to other worthwhile projects such as Water Aid do not count.

At the next Cabinet Meeting I will be giving Zone Chairpersons a list of credits for clubs in their Zone, but in the meantime any club can seek this information from me by telephoning 01179 609446 or by email.

Harry Smith, [LCIF@lions105w.org.uk](mailto:LCIF@lions105w.org.uk)

## 105W Club Officer Days 2019/20 ...

All **Continuing** and **Incoming** Club Officers these days are for you!

### *The Only Thing in Life which is Constant is?*

**CHANGE is the answer** my fellow Lions, for us and our clubs it is Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status, Global Action Team (GAT) a different kind of volunteer, electronic fund raising, greater expectations from new members, clubs becoming more diverse and on it goes ....

Interactivity will be the main stay of the day, questions will be answered fully, challenges taken on board and issued, current practices looked at to see how they fit with today's ways of thinking.

Yes, we will spend time listening as a group, but we will also spend time working with each other, listening to each other, offering ways forward to each other, sharing ideas, finding out how we can work with our neighbouring clubs and what they can do for us, finding out what the association can and does do for us.

Fellow Lions please come along and make these days lively, interesting, enjoyable, worthwhile and days to remember, days that you will recommend your successors attend next year.

**Saturday 6th April 2019**, 09.30 -16.00, Mercure Hotel, Phoenix Way, Swansea, SA7 9EG

**Sunday 28th April 2019**, 09.30 -16.00, Aztec Hotel, Aztec West, Almondsbury, Bristol, BS32 4TS

Any other Lions, especially your **newer members**, will be made most welcome.

Please advise of your attendance to ensure adequate seating and refreshments!

Bill O'Neill [leadership@lions105w.org.uk](mailto:leadership@lions105w.org.uk)

## Activities Snippets ...

Activity snippets sourced from the Activity Reports completed last month on MyLCI up to 27 January.

**Ammanford Club** painted three sheds at Bro Banw School.

**Black Mountains Club** provided free meals for the luncheon club members.

**Chepstow and Caldicot Club** arranged a fundraising choir night.

**Cotswold Fosseyway Club** delivered donations for the foodbank to the distribution centre.

**Dursley Lioness Club** carried out a bucket collection for James Hopkins Trust.

**Dursley Club** raised funds for the Defibrillator Appeal.

**Forest of Dean Club** donated to a new stage at the community centre.

**Frome Club** supported a tandem cycle ride in aid of Melanoma UK and Bright Lights charities.

**Gower and Llŵchwr Estuary Club** arranged a lunch club for the visual impaired.

**Keynsham and District Club** dispatched another 750 used spectacles on 12 January.

**Lechlade and District Club** took down the Christmas lights in the town.

**Radstock & Midsomer Norton Club** helped a visually impaired person with house adaptations.

**Swindon Club** donated to the Special Care Baby Unit at the Great Western Hospital.

**Tetbury Club** confirms their donation helped the Philippines Well Project to completion.

John Seymour, *Communications Team Leader, 105w.*

## Diary Dates ...

### February

- 2 Radstock & MSN Ukulele Fun House Orchestra.
- 5 **DG visits** Forest of Dean Club.
- 9 **DG attending** Chippenham Charter Dinner.
- 10 105W Cabinet meeting, Newport.
- 16 **DG attending** Ammanford Charter Dinner. Chepstow & Caldicot Charter Dinner.
- 22-24 MD105 Young Ambassador Final.
- 26 Zone K meeting.

### March

- 1-3 105W District Convention
- 8 **DG attending** Hereford Charter Dinner.
- 10 **DG attending** Black Mtns. 46th Charter Dinner. Swindon Charter Lunch.
- 12 UN Day, Palace of Westminster.
- 15-17 **DG attending** 105M Convention.
- 23 **DG attending** Porthcawl Charter Dinner. Hereford Race Night.
- 30 Gower & Llŵchwr Estuary 49th Charter Dinner.

### May

- 4-5 MD Convention, Marriot Hotel, Swansea.

The diary dates are extracted from the District Calendar on our Website, [www.lions105w.org.uk](http://www.lions105w.org.uk). **ANYONE** can enter events onto this Calendar, but contact [webmaster@lions105w.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@lions105w.org.uk) to amend or delete entries.

## March News Update ...

For March 2019 News Update, please submit articles to [news@lions105w.org.uk](mailto:news@lions105w.org.uk) by 25 February. *Editor Derek.*

# Multiple District Convention

Brangwyn Hall, Swansea, 3rd – 5th May 2019



This will be the last time all our current 12 Districts get together & the first time our new governance structure gets together to go forwards .....

**And WE WANT YOU TO BE THERE**

The Host Committee have decided that the theme for the weekend will be

***Back to the Future.***

Let us look back with pride at our achievements over the past 100 years across the world and look forward to future further service to all our own communities, not just local, not just our Districts, but wherever there is a need there will be a Lion.

Come to the prestigious **Brangwyn Hall** –

have a look at [www.swansea.gov.uk/brangwynhall](http://www.swansea.gov.uk/brangwynhall) and see the history and glamour of this fine old building.

Well it is not that old but it is at least 10 years older than me. However, perhaps unlike me, it has been modernised inside but still preserves the splendour and grandiose nature of its position in society. This will hold the Convention Business sessions & the agora displays & the MDHQ shop during the day on Saturday & Sunday morning with the Banquet & Ball Saturday evening.

The **Brangwyn** is located just minutes away from the beautiful sweep of Swansea Bay. Just a short distance away along the bay is the Convention Hotel, the Marriott, where the Host Night will be held.

**All the details of the weekend are available on the MD website, just scroll down to the members area & click on Convention.**

There are many other hotels and guest houses within easy walking or driving distance of the Host Night hotel, and the Conference Centre & Banquet & Ball. I know many Districts like to choose their own hotels & even come together by coach. For the Friday Host-night the Marriott has a large car park free to residents & event participants. There are several car parks at & near the Brangwyn & parking is free on Saturdays & Sundays to registered car drivers.

Catering for Saturday night is provided by Wales' premier catering company so do have a look at [jr-catering.co.uk](http://jr-catering.co.uk)

Details of the social event meals are on the booking forms & remember to say if you have any special dietary requirements. Forms can be found at [lionsclubs.co/MemberArea/convention-2019/](http://lionsclubs.co/MemberArea/convention-2019/)

I hope to see you there,  
PDG Lion Paul Withers, MD Convention Officer.