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My apologies for no March newsletter but due to family bereavement I was unable to put one together. However now back on track and I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, emails letters of condolence on the death of my mother, they were very much appreciated. I would also like to thank DG Elect Neil and 1st DG Elect Paul for stepping in at the last minute to represent me at the club visits and charters I was unable to attend. (Nothing like gaining experience is there!)

Martin's Bye - Ways & Highways

**Club Visits: Warwick, Corby, Kenilworth, Birmingham
Acocks Green, Marston Green, Coventry Phoenix.**

**Charters: Towcester, Shirley, Kidderminster, Market
Harborough, Kingswinford & Stourbridge**



Mayor Councillor Michael Kinson OBE

Well convention has come and gone. It was opened by the Mayor of Warwick by Councillor Michael Kinson OBE and

Warwick Lions Club provided three of their members for the flag ceremony.



Flag Party
is held

district Convention went off well and actually finished

much to the surprise of some Lions. My thanks to Con-

District Convention time

vention Chairman Pauline

Fanti and her team for putting on a successful 2½ days

few problems except I

believe putting up with me. Our International Guest PID Scott Rennells

PDG Brian Burgess/PID Scott Rennells

and his wife Lion Debbie enjoyed themselves over the

District Governor/District Treasurer



Convention Committee



PDG Brian Burgess/PID Scott Rennells
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weekend and finished up in London and had dinner with PID Phil Nathan and his wife Lion Heidi



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before departing back across the pond to Arkansas.

During convention we were so pleased to present the International President's Medal for Membership to Chris Haynes for his work over many years keeping the smaller clubs in his part of the district together and the formation of branch clubs which we hope will soon become fully chartered Lions clubs.



Convention was also delighted to present to Region Chairman Jackie Anstice the International President's Medal for Leadership for her achievements over many years in the District working as a

Zone Chairman with so many clubs showing her true leadership skills. This was made even more aware to us during the last 6 months as she fought to overcome illness but still continued to work hard looking after the Region and supporting her three Zone Chairman.

Here are some more photos of Lions who had awards at convention.



First Timer - Adrian Harris



Travelling Lion Competition-
Shirley Lions Club



Guiding Lions Awards



IPDG Femi Onabolu
receives his gift from
District.



Young Ambassador
Award - Peace Poster
Award - Malvern
Lions Club



Environment Photo Award
Martin Wright



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We had a presentation from Eric Sayce About the work of St Dunstan's and how our Multiple District is raising funds for a dayroom at the Llandudno building which is currently being built. The cost of fitting out the room is £50K and I was delighted to inform Convention that we had already received donations and pledges totalling over £54K. So we are now trying to raise a second £50K to fit out the second dayroom at this new building.

With the permission of the family of the late Past International President Bert Mason, the only Lion to have achieved this position from our Multiple District the first dayroom will be named after him. Lions Clubs International have also given us permission to name the second dayroom The Melvin Jones Room after the founder of our organisation.



The Friday night Host Night and the Saturday Banquet & Ball were both enjoyed even though numbers were down on previous years. I would like some feedback please from members who this time decided not to participate in these events as to why and should we possibly look at a different format for our Convention. Please email me at martinbye@virginmedia.com with your comments. Photographs for these two events are available in the Midland News that has now been sent to all clubs and can also be seen on Facebook.

Well I am on the last lap and looking forward to visiting the remaining 25% of the clubs in the District I sincerely hope they are looking forward to seeing me! The last visit will be in June. I continue to go to Charters and will be kept busy with these till the end of my year.

Welcome to the following new Lions.

Marie Hart
Reema Bodalia
Nitika Somal
Sundeep Singh Virk
Alan Booth
Craig Chambers
Judy Chambers
John Downes
Raye Hemingway-Payne

Castle Bromwich & District
Coventry Phoenix
Coventry Phoenix
Coventry Phoenix
Evesham Vale
Southam
Southam
Southam
Southam

It is with great sadness that I have to report the following Lions have gone to higher service.

Kenneth Graham

Southam Lions Club