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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S

**news**

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International Director Boyan Sober

## 105M Convention

Our 2009 Convention is being held 20th to 22nd March at the Bromsgrove Hilton.

The Clubs of Zone F have been working hard to bring you an excellent event.

There will be the usual mix of business with fun and fellowship.

Our International Guest Boyan Sober is an interesting personality, Look up his personal web site to find out more.

The Cabinet Officer reports and business papers have been distributed to all Clubs. They are also available on the web. Please think about being at YOUR Convention.

## MD Convention

In April the Convention trail leads to Southport for the 105 Multiple District Convention.

Its good to know that there will be more Lions from 105M at this convention than at last years in Aberdeen. Cost is an important factor in deciding to attend these events. In the next 3 years In believe MD will deliver venues that are not excessively expensive in terms of both travel and accommodation.

If you can come along and support the incoming Governors, especially your own, when they are presented to Convention.

There are some interesting resolutions being debated, and I am sure they will engender some lively debate.

The host night, as Southport is so close to Liverpool, has a Beatles theme. If you want to see your DG re-live his youth be there

## International Convention

In July the Convention trail finishes in Minneapolis.

Ann and I enjoyed the experience of the International Convention in Bangkok and have booked to attend this years.

With the current state of the £ its not a cheap experience.

We are combining with a holiday to recharge the batteries after my year as DG.

As the Convention begins 6th July we will be in the USA on 4th July Independence Day which is a great experience

Hopefully some of you will be there with us.

2010 is in Sydney, and that will be more expensive.

It is being held out of the Cricket season, so no chance to join the Barmy Army on tour.

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20th - 22nd March  
105M Convention  
Bromsgrove

4th April  
MD Music Final  
Birmingham

25th - 26th April  
MD Convention  
Southport

9th May  
Cabinet

6th - 10th July  
International Convention  
Minneapolis

19th July  
District Changeover  
Holiday Inn

23rd August  
Cabinet  
Holiday Inn

17th - 19th September  
Europa Forum  
Tampere Finland

11th October  
District Forum

20th November  
Cabinet  
Holiday Inn

The Membership numbers have begun to start recovering with several clubs having or about to induct new members.

Sandwell Club is about to come to formation with a mix of new members and some transferring from existing clubs. However disappointingly Northampton Chinatown is closing

At Convention there will be a presentation from PID Howard Lee about the three year Global Membership programme.

PDG Doug Cross will be reviewing the progress in our own District.

With the better weather approaching its time to consider carrying out a well planned "Yellow Card" drop. Planning is essential or the Club will waste money. Want to find out more talk to your Zone, Region or Membership Chairman.

The Club visits have been continued in February with only one cancellation due to the weather.

So we enter March with only 5 visits to be completed. Only one date has yet to be fixed. Thanks to everyone concerned.

## March

1st to 6th Holiday  
6 *Balsall Common*  
7 *Sutton Coldfield*  
9 *Malvern Hills*  
10 *Thurnby*  
15 *Sandwell formation*  
16 *Convention rehearsal*  
17 *Long Range Plan*  
19 *Convention*  
20 *Convention*  
21 *Convention*  
22 *Convention*  
23 *B'ham Chinatown*  
24 *UN Day*

## April

2 *Corby*  
4 *MD Music Final*  
4 *Shirley*  
6 *Erdington*  
9 *Bilston & Wilenhall*  
23 *Council of*  
24 *Governors*  
25 *MD Convention*  
26 *MD Convention*

## Young Ambassadors of the 21st Century

The Multiple District final was held at the Village Hotel Dudley 20th -22nd February.

Sadly I cannot report a victory for our candidate, Sam Spencer. The competition was won by the candidate from 105D.

Sam was the youngest competitor and her performance was outstanding.

I was privileged to hear all the candidates present on Sunday morning, and it illustrates how committed to service some of our young people are.

It is always pleasing to have these competitions held in 105M to enable a good number of our Lions to attend the event.

Special mention must go to Dudley Club who were rightly praised for their work during the weekend.

A Club small in numbers, very enthusiastic and their work made me proud that they are part of 105M.

Well done.

## Major Events Codsall & B'ham Chinatown

As we know some Clubs like to take up the challenge to organise events which offer the opportunity to achieve wide publicity for Lions.

Lion Maureen Kendall and Codsall Lions Club are organising a Wolverhampton Top Talent contest. She has the help of members of Woverhampton Club and individual Lions from across the District.

Keep an eye out for the details of the competition.

On March 23rd Birmingham Chinatown are presenting a concert at Birmingham Town Hall.

The concert features pianist Colleen Lee and cellist Alvin Wong.

The concert is being sponsored by The Hong Kong Trade .

Profits from the evening will go to School Aid - The Birmingham Chinese School and Overseas Chinese Association School.

## Partners Project

Ann and I are very grateful for the support we have received for the Sands Project.

Sands are overwhelmed with the support they are receiving, not just financial but practical.

The picture shows Sheila Proudfoot wife of Lion Pat Proudfoot presenting blankets she had knitted, to Lisa Brayshaw of Sands.



We know the ladies of Aldridge Lions Club are busy knitting. If any one else out there also wants to help please contact Ann.

Sands will be at the Convention to explain the work they are involved in locally and nationally.

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## Lion Syd Bayliss

At the Convention we will pay our respects to the Lions who have passed away since March 2008.

All these lions had given long and dedicated service to our organisation.

I feel I should draw your attention to Lion Syd Bayliss.

On February 23rd Lion Syd Bayliss aged 99 died. He was a life member of Sutton Coldfield Lions, and had been a Lion for over 50 years.

It was always a pleasure to meet Syd on Club visits or Charter Dinners. Despite age and infirmity he was always great company. A true gentleman.

Simon Moss has circulated details of the funeral arrangements.

## LCIF

Copies of the latest accounts of LCIF have recently been published on the International website.

Well worth browsing through.

## 2009 / 2010 Officers

It's the time of year to elect the officers for the new Lion's year.

All Clubs will have received details of how to complete the PU 101 form.

District registrar has circulated an advisory note to help out.

PLEASE make sure you meet the deadline as it sets up the start of next year.

## Bert Mason Humanitarian Award

At Bushby Club Charter I had the pleasure of presenting a Bert Mason Award to PDG Lion Suresh Gohil.

This is the 2nd Bert Mason I have presented this year.

I encourage all Clubs who wish to recognise dedicated service to consider presenting this unique award honouring the only International President to come from MD105

## 2009 / 2010 Subs

As Clubs have paid the 2nd half subs the impact of the weakness of the £ is clear.

At the recent Council of Governors meeting the Governors were adamant that the MD budget for next year had to be kept in line with inflation.

The MD treasurer was asked to rework the budgets to present at MD Convention. These will be in line with a maximum 60p increase.

One of the cuts is likely to be the MD Directory. We could take money from reserves but that is what has caused a lot of the Nation's problems. To be frugal is to be positive.

## Personal Footnote

Both our daughters have presented us with grandchildren this year.

Drew was born January 7th 2009  
Violet February 24th 2009.

All are doing well, and after the traumas of 2007 we are very grateful and will plenty to do after my year as DG.