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March has been a great month. Convention was a success and membership numbers have moved into growth for the first time in my year of office.

We formed a new Club on March 15th in Sandwell, this and several new members in a number of Clubs meant we went to Convention in a positive mood

Convention 2009

Many thanks to all those concerned with organising this years Convention.

Obviously I am biased but I thought, like every DG before me it was the best ever.

Thank you to every one who attended and participated in the business of the District.

I will be issuing a questionnaire to get feedback on what you thought of the Convention.

Help us make sure we improve and attract more Clubs to next years event.



Femi Onabolu

Femi a member of Castle Bromwich Club was elected to become District Governor for 2009 - 2010.

Congratulations to Femi and Anna who will be installed in Office at the International Convention in Minneapolis.

As incoming District Governor Femi and Anna will be presented to the MD Convention in Southport on April 26th.

Why not come along to support Femi and Anna and witness for yourself the introduction razamatazz as all 13 DG's are introduced to the MD Convention.



Martin Bye

Martin a member of Knowle & Dorridge was elected as 1st Vice District Governor for 2009 - 2010



Neil Chisholm

Neil a member of Warwick Club was elected 2nd Vice District Governor. The first holder of this office

Congratulations to all three on the speeches they gave. Different styles but I am certain the District is in good hands for the next three years.

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Civic Reception

Convention began with a reception hosted by the Chairman of Bromsgrove District Council Cllr Caroline Spencer. She was accompanied by the Civic Heads of Worcester, Worcestershire, Droitwich, and Malvern Hills.

Our foreign guests were impressed by the support shown by these civic leaders.

Over 50 Lions enjoyed the hospitality of the District Council.

For many it was the first opportunity to meet International Director Bojan Sober and his wife PDG Olga from Croatia.

They proved a hit with everybody when they demonstrated their vocal talents.

Host Night

The theme for the night was Country Folk.

There were some excellent costumes with Marston Green and Castle Bromwich Clubs excelling with combined efforts.

The picture shows Chairman of the Convention Committee Pat Proudfoot and his wife Sheila "warming" up for the host night.



Host Night was attended by over 80 Lions. and entertainment was provided by Fairfield Convention who displayed a wide range of vocal talents.

The special price beer from St George's Brewery Worcester proved a big hit, hardly unexpected at £1 per pint.



Convention Banquet

The room was full with 150 sitting down to enjoy a relaxing evening after the rigours of the Business session.

After the Dinner and the formal speeches the diners were entertained by Malc Stent, who is an honorary member of Balsall Common Lions Club.



The pictures show our International Director Bojan and his wife Olga and PID Howard Lee and his wife Claire enjoying the Banquet evening.

It was a great finish to the weekend.

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Convention Business Session 43 Clubs were there, improvement on last year, let's have 50 next year



The morning session of the Convention started traditionally with The Flag ceremony led by The Droitwich ATC pictured here.



The resolutions relating to 2009/2010 dues and revising the District Constitution were approved. The Resolution relating to a Fund Raising Cabinet Officer was not approved. However it did generate a good quality of debate and I did agree to establish a "Bank of Ideas" on the District website.

At the end of the morning Session ID Bojan presented the following awards:-

International President's Leadership Medal

Phil White

Castle Bromwich

International President's Commendation

Trevor Jones

Wolverhampton

Eric Hughes

Rugby Rokeby

Chris Haynes

Wellingborough

Under Matters Arising from last years minutes the response by MD to a Lions memorial at The National Memorial was discussed.

I have committed to taking this project forward again as part of the celebration of 60 years of Lions in the UK in 2010.

The morning concluded with a presentation on LCIF from International Director Bojan Sober



The afternoon session was started by the prize winners of both the Music and Young Ambassadors competitions.

Both Daniel and Samantha showed exactly why they were winners of our competitions.

These competitions are important to developing youngsters, please support them next year.



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Ann and I attended the Lions day with the United Nations on 24th March.

The Annual event is held at the Houses of Parliament, thanks to the Palace of Westminster Club formed by a number of Members of Parliament.

The formal event is held in a Committee Room of Parliament, which was so full some 20 people had to stand.

Lions work in a number of areas was highlighted including Edukits, Water Aid, and CSFII.

Martin Bell who is now a UNICEF UK Ambassador for Humanitarian Emergencies, gave a very personal and moving presentation.

International President Al Brandel, on what will be his only visit to 105 in his year of office, gave an impressive review of Lions activities world wide.

A Great day.



Membership

For those of you that attended Convention you will have already heard the positive story about membership.

Following the formation of Sandwell Club on March 15th and the induction of a number of new members across the District, especially Castle Bromwich and Aldridge 105M is now showing a year on year increase.

Well done to everyone not only those concerned with the formation of Sandwell, but the individual clubs whose work is paying off with growth.

I still want as many Clubs as possible to achieve the PLUS ONE target.

Even moving forward by one from the March position for Clubs who have lost members in the first nine months of my year is important.

Show yourselves growth is possible and take confidence as to what you can achieve next year.



The DG's travels are slowing down. I only have 4 Club visits left. They are all planned for April and May.

The volume of Charter celebrations is increasing and I have MD and International Conventions to attend.

April

- 2 Corby
- 4 MD Music Competition
- 4 Shirley Charter
- 7 Sandwell
- 16 Lion Magazine
- 18 Hinkley Charter
- 19 Market Harborough Ch
- 20 Erdington
- 23 Council of
- 24 Governors
- 25 MD Convention
- 26 MD Convention

May

- 1 Bedworth Charter
- 3 Northampton Charter
- 4 Southam Concert
- 7 Bilston & Wilenhall
- 8 Droitwich Charter
- 9 Cabinet
- 9 Godiva Charter
- 15 Aldridge Charter
- 16 Knowle & Dorrige Ch