

SECTION 3: REPORTS OF LIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH COMMITTEE

NAME: Lion Harry Fry

OFFICE: District Opportunities for Youth Chairman.

DATE: May 2010

DECISIONS REQUIRED: None.

GENERAL REPORT.

I attended the MD Leo Conference hosted by Godiva Leos 10th /11th April. An excellent conference and I would like to formally record my congratulations to Godiva Leos and Godiva Lions for putting on a truly memorable weekend.

Well this is my last report of the year and I would like to thank all of the Youth team for the work they have put in and for their support. It has been great working with you all. I would like to thank DG Femi for giving me the opportunity to lead a team who care so much about the youth in our District

I would remind the team that it's not over yet we still have until the end of June and there is still plenty to do, Football finals to complete, Youth Exchangees to host, the launch of the Tacade programme "Life Changes" for the 3-11 year olds in May. Young Ambassador Programme,

Fellow Lions I make no excuse for repeating myself I would like finish with the statement I have made before.

Remember the Youth of today are our future, they need our support

Lion Harry Fry

NAME: Eric Hughes

OFFICE: Vulnerable Persons Officer

DATE: May 2010

DECISIONS REQUIRED: None

ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

I eventually managed to book in and attend another Government workshop concerning the new Vetting & Barring Scheme, at Peterborough on 25th February. I came away only slightly less confused than I went. Having asked a question, which is pertinent to many of our Lions Clubs activities, to two of the presenters independently, I got different answers. I have continued my query with the ISA help line.

Almost all of our Clubs within this district have now received at presentation on the new scheme.

Members with the disclosure certificates more than three years old are continuing to renew them.

I attended a MD meeting of District VPO's on Saturday 10th April which provided for an interesting debate. A raft of queries are being put to the ISA by the MD officer before agreed recommendations are forwarded to MD Council for approval. Once the policy has been agreed and finalised, it is intended that a common fact and reference document will be forwarded to all clubs in the Multiple District.

Important dates:-

July 2010 – All new members to the organisation, taking part in a regulated activity, **MAY** register with ISA

November 2010 – New members to the organisation **MUST** register with ISA **BEFORE** taking part in any regulated activity

OBJECTIVES

To advise clubs in relation to their legal responsibilities when dealing with children and vulnerable adults and offer assistance with the CRB applications and the Vetting & Barring scheme.

NAME: Geoffrey Thompson

OFFICE: Leos Liaison Officer

DATE: 17th April 2010

DECISIONS REQUIRED - None

ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

Having arrived home from the MD Leo Conference, I sat down and thought about what had gone wrong with Leos over the last Lionistic year. The conference, which had been held in Coventry and organised by the Coventry Godiva Leos club, ably led by Club Liaison officer, Sani, was a great success. The business session on the Saturday was well debated and we got through a lot of work.

In attendance, we had P.I.D Phil Nathan, Council chairman Andy Pemberton, DGs Femi and Frank (105BS), DG Elect Martin, 1st VDG Elect Neil and so on, which we appreciated so much. But what about the rest of the year, we have had no District Leo Officers. I have attended four MD Leo officers meetings. The most District Liaison officers attending any one of these meetings was three.

If we want Leos to continue in their present format, we must encourage and support these youngsters.

Lion Rani, who is Leo Liaison Officer for next year, is a new Lion and will need our support.

May Rani have as many happy memories of Leos as I have had over the past twenty years or so. Yes, you do get a lot of enjoyment from them.

OBJECTIVES

To have a successful change over with Lion Rani and support her where possible.

NAME: George Billingham

OFFICE: Young Ambassadors and Young Leaders in Service

DATE: 21 April 2010

DECISIONS REQUIRED: None

ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT:

Following the February Cabinet Meeting last minute arrangements were made to get our Young Ambassador candidate Eleanor Grice - supported by Aldridge & District Lions Club to the Lions MD Final at the Village Hotel Dudley over the weekend 19th to 21st February.

As the Young Ambassadors Officer I had to stay at the Hotel for the weekend to assist the MD Young Ambassadors Chairman Lion Jane Armitage together with the YA Officers from the other 12 Districts in MD 105.

Eleanor Grice was a good candidate but the overall winner was Shaun Evans from Ireland.

His voluntary work involved the Local Leos Club (for which he is a Past President) in a major Project which aims to reduce the high number of young people killing themselves because of no job opportunities leading to no future for them in Central Ireland.

I attended the meeting of the MD Young Ambassadors Group on 21st February to review the 2010 MD Final and to make arrangements for next year's Young Ambassadors Competition.

Our Young Ambassador was invited to attend 105M District Convention but could attend since had also been invited to visit Gloucestershire University on the same day.

Because of the snow storms in January two other candidates from Pershore High School and two from Evesham High School came together at Evesham on the 10th March to compete for the Evesham Lions Youth Trophy - to recognise their Voluntary Service to the local community.

OBJECTIVES:

To encourage Clubs in 105M to promote more contacts with their Local Schools so that the School Heads are aware of Lions Clubs International Youth Programmes. Hopefully then we may have more support for Young Ambassadors and the new Young Leaders In Service Programme.

My thanks to DG Femi for asking me to be Young Ambassadors Officer - a job I have enjoyed doing even though my success rate at District Final was poor.

NAME: David Jackson

OFFICE: Youth Exchange Officer

DATE: 12th April 2010

DECISIONS REQUIRED: None

ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT:

Attended 105M district convention.

Continued work on 2010 youth camp preparations including finding hosts within 105M for the young people arriving for the camp.

Also started on the multiple district master data sheets for this year's inbound students in conjunction with Lion Richard Williams, MD105 YEC to define exactly where and when each student will be in the UK, how they are arriving and leaving and internal transfers required.

Will attend the Lions 105 multiple district meeting at Lions headquarters on the 18th April to finalise this year's inbound hosting details and plans for the airport arrival and departure days.

OBJECTIVES:

To ensure a well organised youth exchange experience for the young people arriving here this year.

NAME: John Barnes

OFFICE: Youth Centre Chairman 2010

DATE: 21st April 2010

DECISIONS REQUIRED – None.

ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

The 2010 MD Youth Centre is being held in Birmingham at Queen Alexandra College, Harborne from Friday 23rd July - Monday 2nd August.

We now have 40 Candidates from 29 different Countries, unfortunately only one of them has a physical handicap.

With the help of the Region & Zone Chairs a wide and varied programme has been put together, including a day of outdoor activities and a day of service. Hopefully if successful service days will be included in all future Centres – we lead the way again.

We now have some resident staff in place and I am pleased that we have two young members from one of our newest clubs, who have volunteered to give up their holidays to come and help – we do need to get the younger Lions involved, not only because they are nearer the age range of participants but for the future organisation of Centres.

We have a number of volunteers, who are willing to help at the Centre and a meeting is being held on 9th May at Lions HQ., and I look forward to working with them and all the clubs who have volunteered their services.

OBJECTIVES

To run a successful Youth Centre for the MD, as we have done in the past – and to prove once again that this District is always willing to help the MD at short notice.

NAME: LION CARL KINGS

OFFICE: YOUTH FOOTBALL

DATE 26/4/10

DECISIONS REQUIRED: None

ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT:

The winner of the 105m district cup was Shirley they beat Barwell & Earl Shilton. They will play Llantwit Major in the 5th round.

This was played on Sunday 25th April and they won 3 – 0

This means they are in the Southern Semi Final venue and date to follow.

OBJECTIVES:

Try and get more clubs interested in this football competition. Now is the time to ask around in your area if there are under 14yrs football clubs who would like to play outside their area. There are many under 14 yrs teams within the Midlands, so please see what you can do. The more teams that are in our district the better the competition would be.

NAME: Linda Cross

OFFICE: Competitions Officer

DATE: 23.04.2010

DECISIONS REQUIRED: None

ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT:

105M Convention took place in March. This was the time for rounding off a year's competitions, either by presenting trophies already won or judging competitions that ended at the date of Convention.

There have been a disappointing number of entries for all competitions. The Peace Poster Competition depends upon the goodwill of an Art teacher in each school approached. At this time of changes within schools & all the required paperwork for National Curriculum, it

is difficult to persuade the teachers to take on extra work. It really is a good idea to approach schools in this term so that the required age group can be given the task to do at the end of this term when things may be a little easier.

The Music Competition has also been disappointing this year, but the instrument, Classical Guitar, was not a very good choice of instrument for many of our Districts. Better luck next year.

The closing date for Scrapbooks & PR was perhaps a reason for reduced entries, but nonetheless the quality was excellent.

The Club Website Competition seems to be gaining in popularity as clubs are seeing the benefits of using the web as a possible recruiting method.

The quality of entries for the Environmental Photograph Competition was excellent, but I am sure that there are many more of you who could enter some excellent photographs.

Let us give some thought to next year's Competitions.

The travelling Lion Competition for this current year has already started (1st March) but as yet it has not got you Lions visiting other clubs.

OBJECTIVES:

To encourage Lions to take part in the range of Competitions on offer, either to Lions themselves or to young people in their area.

NAME: Elizabeth Jones

OFFICE: Cultural and Community Affairs

DATE: April 2010

DECISIONS REQUIRED: None

ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT:

The MD Final of the Music Competition for guitar was held at Birmingham Conservatoire last Sunday April 18th.

I thank those who were able to come and support our candidate James Swarbrick, particularly DG Femi. Several Lions from 105M gave their apologies because of prior commitments.

There were 10 Districts taking part. As always the standard of skill shown by the candidates was high. The trophy was won by 105SE.

James, aged only 12 years, was one of two guitarists who were commended. That is an indication of his considerable ability and it will be interesting to hear of his development in future years.

The prize money received for being our candidate he intends to use having a new guitar case, custom made for his guitar, to protect it when travelling.

OBJECTIVES:

To continue to promote interest in the Music Competition.

The instrument for 2010-2011 is OBOE not saxophone as earlier stated.