

# Lions Clubs International District 105EA Convention

Minutes of the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of District 105EA held at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Norwich Airport on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

Acting Sergeant at Arms (SaA) PDG Tony Prior (Leigh on Sea) called the meeting to order and went through the various housekeeping rules and fire regulations, He asked convention to greet their top table and guests:-

District Governor (DG) Lion Paul Martin (Halesworth), Immediate Past District Governor Lion Jim Cawte (Wymondham), International President Lion Barry Palmer (201N), The Sheriff of Norwich Mr Graham Creel man escorted by Lion Derek Snelling Convention Host Chairman, PID Lion Phil Nathan (South Woodham Ferrers, CC Phil Robinson, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Kevin Rodgers (Wisbech) and their Partners.

Zone Chairman entered the convention carrying boards displaying the names of clubs in their zone.

The Flag Party from 222 Broadlands Squadron, ATF Training Corps ably carried out the ceremony presenting flags from United States of America, United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia and Lions Clubs International.

The Invocation and In Memoriam was given by PDG Barry Miller (Castle Point)

Lions Clubs International **Purposes** were read by Lion Dot Harris (Halesworth) and the **Ethics** by Lioness Sandie Briault (Witham Lionesses).

SaA PDG Tony asked DG for permission for the short form of greeting to be used and this was granted. We had been inundated with wishes of good will, the Lionesses of MD105 specially your girls in EA, Sue and Keith Hedges 105a, PDG Rex and Betty, Simon & Chris 105M, John and Pam 105E, Jennifer and Jim, Tony and Theresa, Chris and Karen NE, Adrian and Nicky. There had also been a request for his Burger stall to go to Buckingham Palace for a do next week, and also congratulations from Her Majesty for a good convention. Convention also sent their love and best wishes to Lion Adrian with the hope he is better soon.

DG Paul called upon Derek Snelling (Taverham /Sherringham and Cromer), he welcomed everyone to the 35<sup>th</sup> annual district convention for 105EA. If anyone has any questions, queries or problems please ask people with rosettes they are here to help. He also apologised for the problem with rooms which was due to cancellation of flights to the oil rigs because of the fog. Lunch is a ticket only basis and there are some still available from a member of the committee. Lion Derek Introduced the Lord Sherriff of Norfolk to officially open convention.

The Sherriff thanked Lion Derek for the welcome. The told convention the historic job of the Sherriff is to supervise executions but he assured everyone this is no longer the case. He is located in the Guildhall and it still has a dungeon. Everyone is welcome to come along and be shown round. He commented how nice it was to be in a room with lots of chains. He travels throughout the world and is aware of Lions through his travels. He declared our 35<sup>th</sup> Convention open, and asked that Lions

keep up their good works, he said he is very aware of all the good work the organisation does in and around Norwich and Norfolk as well as nationally and internationally

DG Paul thanked Sherriff Graham for opening our 35<sup>th</sup> Convention and presented a Peace Poster banner from IP Barry and DG Paul's personal banner. DG Paul said partners may now leave if they wish, and flag party will be having a bucket collection at the exits at coffee and the end of the morning session.

SaA PDG Tony Prior called Convention to order

In his opening remarks DG Lion Paul welcomed everyone and thanked them everyone for coming along today and giving up their time.

Apologies had been received from PDG Paddy O'Donnell (105I), Lions Adrian Robinson and Nicky Freeman.

### **Convention procedures – PDG Tony Prior**

There will be 3 elections in 1, DG, 1<sup>st</sup> DG and 2<sup>nd</sup> DG which are uncontested, 1 vacancy on District Trust - no nominations, and Hearing Trust. Zone chairman will act as tellers, PDGs Bryn Roberts, Jim Cawte and Geoff Leeder will be Scrutineers. Nominators for the elections will have 2 minutes and candidates 3 minutes.

Minutes of 34<sup>th</sup> Convention – proposed by Lion Bill White and seconded by PDG John Haynes approved unanimously.

### **District Governor's report**

This is before you. One updates another new club has been formed Young Ambassadors internet club, formed on 3<sup>rd</sup> March and chartered, Campus clubs also successful, this turn round is due to months of hard work from clubs PDG George Harris will update in his report. There were a few awards to present, PCC Tony Logue received his 40 year charter chevron. IP Barry joined DG Paul to present some Leadership awards, Sue Cowee (Attleborough 2013), Derek Prior (Billericay), Pete Farrington (Bungay).

### **District Treasurer's report – Lion Roger Fuller (Leigh on Sea)**

The report is in convention booklet but there are some updates. Except for two clubs all dues have been paid, these clubs are not in good standing.

See sheet.

Roger proposed these reports be included formally in the books seconded by PDG Rex Palmer, this was agreed by Convention.

### **Resolutions**

SaA PDG Tony announced he had just been advised there were 75 registered delegates so far and 190 Lions, lionesses and guests in the room.

**Resolution 1** – this is a Constitutional resolution proposed by Lion Mandy Hawkesley (Halesworth and seconded by Terry Harris (Halesworth)

Section 1b - "Student Membership – any member being a student as is defined by Lions Clubs International on the 1<sup>st</sup> July in any year shall pay a District Subscription equal to one half of the District Subscription set in accordance with Section 1a.

Lion Mandy Hawksley said we are getting older and campus clubs are looking good if we can reduce student cost by half we will encourage these young people to become members. There were no questions for discussion – resolution **carried**.

**Resolution 1a** – this is an ordinary resolution proposed by Lion Roger Fuller and seconded by PDG Rex Palmer both from Leigh on Sea

***This Convention resolves that the District dues for the fiscal year 2014/2015 be set at £9.00 per capita.***

Lion Roger said nothing – resolution carried with one abstention.

## **Membership**

PDG George Harris had an update to his report. Target for this year was 1250 to stay out of transition. Result phenomenal thanks to clubs and Lionesses for their support, Bury St Edmunds, Attleborough, Young Ambassador internet, Norwich campus club, UEA, Cambridge beware! Thanks to David pope and Tony Prior membership now 1310.

New update on Gift for Living, Lion Mandy reported that she had received information yesterday by PID Phil, showed a video update on training. Trainers are volunteers but there are still costs involved for equipment and releasing people to be trained. Training has been held this week and it is important that we keep this going as we are saving lives of hundred mothers and babies.

DG Paul asked all district officers to stand and be recognised by convention, he proposed convention accept their reports on block. This was agreed unanimously. DG Paul thanked them for their work during the year.

## **Norms, Coms and Regs - PDG Tony Prior**

### ***District Governor 2014 / 2015 proposed by Lion David Pope (Peterborough)***

Lion David said it was a huge honour to stand and propose Lion Kevin for DG 14/15. He is a passionate and dedicated lion, 4 times President, Zone Chairman, Region Chairman twice, Deaf Awareness trainer, Certified Guiding Lion, Senior Lions Leadership. Kevin is a widower, he has children and six grandchildren – that's good considering he is only 29 (or so he tells us). Wisbech is the capital of fens or gateway to Norfolk. He is a good listener, and will continue to be great ambassador and serve district

#### ***1<sup>st</sup> VDG Kevin Rodgers (Wisbech)***

Kevin told convention he stood before them to ask for their support to be District Governor. Lion for 30 years and has been on cabinet a few years. He will do everything required of him to be best of his ability. He believes EA leads the way. Enthusiasm one of our best assets, if the public see us having fun they will want to join us, firm believer true laughter is the best medicine. He would like to repay some of the good things Lions has given to him. He asked Convention for their support.

#### ***1<sup>st</sup> VDG 2004/2015 proposed by Lion Chris Eglington (Beccles)***

Lion Chris said it was an honour to nominate Lion Chris Crick (Beccles) for this position. It has been a very busy year for Chris as 2<sup>nd</sup> VDC and he has met lots of new lions both here and abroad, taken to gambling to raise extra funds, (Bingo at Beccles but he didn't win). Although he has done lots of travelling he has not neglected his club, he was Father Christmas this year again. He has risen to the challenge since being elected and has achieved much this year through hard work and dedication, and I ask that you vote for him today.

#### ***2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Chris Crick***

Lion Chris Crick thanked Lion Chris and the Beccles Club for the nomination and their support. He said he felt privileged to serve as 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG and now to stand as 1<sup>st</sup> DG. Has been in Beccles club 13 and is trying to save conker trees for next DG. He has the full support of his wife Evelyn and will continue to work for the District giving his full support to both the incoming DG and the 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG.

### **Region Chairman Lion Nigel Folkard**

He stood before convention asking for their support to stand for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG. He lives in Southend with Marian his wife, and they have 3 daughters and 8 grandchildren. His career started in Southend on Sea, he has been on Cabinet for three years, attended International Convention in Hamburg, Special Sports in Bath, Lions Leadership course in Brussels, which was very good. He has been inspired by hard work and dedication of the Lions family which he has found during travelling around. He will give of his time, energy and enthusiasm and asks for your support.

### **District Charitable Trust**

There was only one nomination, PDG Derek Greenwood, who will serve for three years. DG asked him to stand to be recognised.

### **Resolution for the endorsement of PID Phil Nathan**

PDG Tony reported that this is by secret vote and the District need 1250 members for this to go forward with this endorsement, and we have cleared this.

The Endorsement was proposed by Lion Brian Cornell (South Woodham Ferrers) and seconded by PDG George Harris (Leigh on Sea)

Lion Brian said it was a great honour and privilege to nominate PID Phil for endorsement to stand as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice International President – he deserves it.

PDG George Harris also agreed that it was an honour and privilege to endorse PID Phil for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice International President.

PDG Tony Prior said if you could “third” the nomination he would.

PDG Rex Palmer came down, showed convention the ballot box was empty and duly sealed the box. Votes should be placed in the box by lunch time.

Break for coffee

DG Paul started session apologising for not recognising PDGs present and rectified this.

### **Resolution 3**

It is envisaged the fund would be supported by donations from Clubs and other sources. It is an ordinary resolution requiring a straight majority vote from those delegates present.

***“The Convention resolves that an Emergency Disaster Relief Fund be established to provide immediate supply of water purification equipment to relieve hardship and suffering anywhere in the world”***

Proposed by Lion Derek Rutter (March), seconded by John Potter President March Club

Lion Derek said the notes are self explanatory however clubs with limited funds cannot give large amounts and if the fund set up within the district they could pay into the fund and it can be sent where it is needed immediately, people can go few days without food not water. March will start with £200 if 30 clubs donated this amount, there would be a healthy fund immediately.

Lion John Potter seconded this and reserved the right to reply

Lion John Fox (Downham Market) said papers were sent to clubs but did not read the same as this, only mentions was water.

PDG Tony replied this was discussed and March said it was for water.

PDG George Harris was worried that this will duplicate what LCIF are doing, but was sure we would not refuse donations of £200.

PID Phil said he was with International President when they pressed the button for the latest disaster and sent money down to clubs in that district.

Lion Mandy said she felt the money was better spent purchasing jerry cans to be sent where they need the water now, we react very well and quickly to disasters but we should also be proactive. Lion Tony Stote (Witham and District) said disasters are not just happening abroad but here in UK He supports the resolution for use here in the UK.

Lion Ray Deane recognised what was being proposed and the reasons behind it, but felt every time there is a disaster we start another fund when we have funds already set up with LCIF, MD etc. Lion David Smart asked if this would be voluntary or not and if it is clubs can contribute if they wish or to LCIF.

Lion Roger Fuller just wanted to point out position as Treasurer, when an appeal is put out he gets instantaneous support for donations to the appeal and funds are sent in days to wherever. Lion John Potter said the reason for this was for instantaneous money to be available, but money can take time to get it out, this is to purchase equipment to get out to disaster areas quickly. The Zone Chairmen acted as tellers for this vote. Vote for 14, against 47 abstentions 6. Resolution not passed.

### **Resolution 5**

This was an ordinary resolution requiring a straight majority proposed by Stowmarket and District club who have since requested that their resolution be withdrawn. All agreed

### **International Guest**

At this point, DG Paul took great pleasure in introducing our guest for Convention, International President Lion Barry Palmer (201N)

IP Barry told convention that Paul had asked him to speak on membership, leadership and retention, he told Paul that was boring so Paul told him he couldn't come but he has and the DG is sitting on the floor - so tough.

Lion Barry told about a Philippines press conference and the media wanted to know what Lions were doing he told them, and that when all the press were gone Lions would still be there working. He said he had heard about Jerry cans at Europa Forum and they needed water, he spoke to PID Phil who said we would get them out – it took three weeks, that's what it's all about. You have them in UK and can get them out quickly but still many people died there due to lack of water. He thanked everyone for all did for Philippines, he is proud to be a leader of an organisation like this who do so much. He attended a charity appeal dinner and they raised \$500,000 in half an hour

In India Lions own and run 68 eye hospitals. He told convention about Lions work with polio.

Lion Barry asked Lions under 45 to stand there were 8 each received his banner; he also asked non lions and there were only 4.

I said he had a dream, when you think what one man can do, what could 1.37 m members do.

He heard in India a speaker say Everest will not grow, the Atlantic will not get bigger, but organisations can grow.

He asked all Lionesses to stand and asked who was the most senior, it was MD Lioness Chair June Mills (Downham Market Lionesses) he presented her with his personal banner

Regrettably no Leos were present. He told us that all these people are all part of the family of Lions.

LCIF have set up a Micro fund, this small loans of \$200 dollars to widows, mainly woman in Third World to help them start their own business to support their families. He had asked some women what the first thing they wanted to do and the reply the same – they wanted to educate their children. These woman come from poorest regions of India, the fund started with \$100,000 but because payments have been returned it stands now at \$700,000. There are many on the scheme and all with no payments missed.

He visited Bogota and had the biggest body guard ever, 120 soldiers guarding him, usually he only had 2! It was very risky there and he thought it was because of kidnapping but they told him the main danger was being killed for the front page publicity.

Woman in Lions projects are under way, where woman can lead projects. Project in Bogota for mentally challenged young people, they have residential facilities and running many businesses he opened a new bakery and money goes back in to the pot to finance the home, they also have chicken farm and sell eggs, vegetable garden they use some vegetables for the home and sell off rest, computer room, sewing room and a shop; this would never have happened if the woman had not seen the need.

Fires in Tasmania – the locals had been asked what they needed, women said a laundry - why to wash clothes? they needed somewhere to meet, the men had a base at the pub and didn't understand why the women wanted a laundry.

In Nairobi he met women who took in young girls who have two choices drugs or prostitution. The situation is very bad in this country, you never go anywhere without locking the car door. He spoke to girls asking what they want to do, solicitor, accountant, doctor – these aspirations were all due to these women who have given them this future – also average 15 year olds want to be on X Factor! IP Barry presented awards to PDGs George Harris and Tony Prior and Lion Roger Fuller. Also for work with Young Leaders in Service to PDG John Haynes.

IP Barry closed his speech reminding everyone about the number of lonely people and we are in a great position to help these people, bring them into Lions, ask people anywhere why they aren't Lions the answer will so often be “no one asked me” – remember only members can do it. Ordinary people amazing things.

### **PDG Denis Moxon (Wroxham and Hoveton) to propose vote of thanks**

Moxon from Wroxham introduced himself (without a translator!). He is now an old age pensioner and getting old for this, last time he did vote of thanks for PIP Grimaldi told to keep it short didn't understand that. He wore his special hat (his ferreting hat) , he is a Suffolk boy from Norfolk and got biggest ferrets.

PDG Dennis said DG Paul had suggested he googled IP Barry, he is part outback, part town and part Sydney. He has spent most of time in bush, played soccer, likes to watch birds and bees, has three children – that's what you get in the bush watching birds and bees. PDG Dennis then started to teach IP Barry some essential vocabulary in the Norfolk tongue After that experience PDG Dennis sincerely thanked IP Barry and his wife for joining us at our Convention and making such an interesting and enlightening speech.

PDG Tony Prior had a revised update on attendance, 76 delegates, 191 Lions and guests in room.

At this point convention would break for lunch and resume at 13.20 sharp, during lunch you will be entertained by Lowestoft Signing choir in the bar lounge. Don't forget to post your ballot papers.

SaA PDG Tony called final session to order

DG Paul introduced an update on our two Signature Projects

Lion Derek Prior (Billericay) – LEHP. Why is it a signature project in old days you signed or made your mark on document as a signature so lions marking their mark on the project. LEHP is not designed to make us eye experts but to encourage people to get eye examinations regularly with the pressure and peripheral tests, and to talk to people. New leaflets are available. Lion Derek P said he is available to visit clubs and talk about this subject – just give him a call he is in the Directory

PDG John Haynes (Attleborough 2013) - YLIS (Young Leaders in Service) is the other signature project. This is a recognition for young people who help others, do voluntary work, run youth groups etc. What do they have to do, they do nothing more than they are doing at the moment except log all the hours they work, there is an award for 50 hours and another for 100 hours in a 12 month period. At the end of the period the young people get a certificate, signed by the International President and a pin, in recognition of the level of service. Attleborough are taking a group from there and another

from south of the county to a family fun day out. These groups have somewhere they can meet and talk to each other but the funding for this ends in April and the new support for these young people will only allow the group to meet every three weeks, we must not lose contact.

A presentation to one of these groups was made by IP Barry Palmer, PID Phil Nathan and DG Paul

### **Results of elections**

PDG Tony Prior announced the results of the elections

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG – Region Chairman Lion Nigel Folkard (Southend on Sea)

1<sup>st</sup> VDG – Lion Chris Crick (Beccles)

District Governor – 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Kevin Rodgers (Wisbech)

### **Address by DG Elect Lion Kevin Rodgers**

DGE Kevin thanked everyone for electing him, it is a great honour and privilege to serve you all.

Thanks also to his club for their patience over the last two years. Also PDGs George, Tony and Lion David. We need to laugh, we need lots of laughter and fun, we will have that next year. I met IP Barry for the first time this week and asked if he could play conkers he said he didn't know, I have a vision to teach him to play conkers. I need everyone's support and together we will work and move district on.

### **Endorsement of PID Lion Phil Nathan**

PDG Tony said it gave him great pleasure to announce that District 105ea endorses PID Lion Phil Nathan to move forward to go for 2<sup>nd</sup> vice International President.

### **Address by PID Lion Phil Nathan**

PID Lion Phil thanked everyone for their support - we are again leading the way. For last 20 years we have touched the lives of so many we have saved. I want the world to hold hands and show what we can do, follow men like IP Barry, take down the politics and build our organisation up brick by brick.

### **Competitions**

Lion Mandy Hawksley and Lion Derek Snelling

<u>Travelling lion</u>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Littleport	2 <sup>nd</sup> Leigh on Sea	1 <sup>st</sup> Wisbech
<u>Travelling Lioness</u>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Downham Market	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thetford	1 <sup>st</sup> Witham
<u>Lions Scrapbook</u>	Leigh on Sea		
<u>Lioness Scrapbook</u>	Thetford and Breckland		

Scribe – Lion John Fox thanked everyone who sent articles for the Lions Roar - 27 lions clubs out of 69, and 6 out of 7 lioness clubs sent stories, he suggested when you send articles to press add him to the e mail.

Winner of scribe – Lion Dennis Tallon (Swaffham and District Lions)

District Quiz – Billericay

Don Peach golf – Lion Peter Lewis (Harleston)

Fancy dress for group – Whittlesey Lions

Individual – Lion Terry Harris (Halesworth) as the Owl from Harry Potter

Pair – Lions Dot and Terry Harris (Halesworth)

Environmental award – Lion Derek Snelling said this year was fantastic for entries, the most ever.

Unfortunately had a late entry for the award Leigh on Sea and their recycling bus,

Witham, Lowestoft, Wroxham and Hoveton and Felistowe

Witham another 100 trees, pond clearing and gardening projects

Lowestoft with their cycling project for the disabled

Wroxham with their shop

Felixstowe with lighting which saved 75% lighting cost

Winner - Witham and District.

## **Lioness**

Witham and Thetford and Breckland

Witham - helping with trees, adopting a bee hive and their trash shop

Thetford – rags, dog blankets, fish and chip jumpers

Joint winners as we could not distinguish between the two

## **The Philip Daubney photographic competition**

Over 100 entries from the whole family of Lions

This year packs of 12 cards will be produced for the winners, please order from Derek Rutter £2.00 per pack and the profit to Gift for Living

Lion Ron Porter (Romford) – Orwell, who also won the MD competition with Quiet Place, which will go forward to International

Judges were Andrew Snelling, David Pye

## **Convention 2015**

Region Chairman Gaby Sharman gave an update on what is lined up next year.

Thursday night informal dinner at the hotel

Golf on Friday at Thorpewood Golf club opposite the hotel - 71 par course. Also ten pin bowling on Friday morning.

Friday night is host night and the theme the Fabulous Fifties, the whole decade and the starting of Lions clubs in the UK. Band for music

Saturday partners' trip to Burliegh house repeat of 2011 trip please book early / Shopping in town centre

Night – elegance and style with the Banquet and Ball in the hotel, the centre has been refurbished and there will be a top notch band.

Bed and breakfast £70 per night

Friday host night £18

Lunch £11.50

Banquet and Ball £32.50pp (choices available)

Total for 2 people attending all £255.50 (7% less than this year)

## **Convention co-ordinator Lion Martin Langdon (West Norwich)**

2016 and beyond

2016 we go to Stoke by Nayland set deep in the Suffolk countryside, 2 golf courses, spa, excellent facilities.

80 rooms only but lodges are also available. Owned and run by Peek family.

Lion Peter Smith from Stowmarket and District will take on host chairman

2017 – planning to make this something special. Want some form of civic activity but this will depend who hosts this. Two expressions of interest to host this so there will be a competition. Something special for banquet and ball too. Lion Martin confirmed that Clubs are not responsible for any costs as long as they go through correct procedures and everything approved by himself. We Need to get this tied up by September 2014.

**Young Ambassador** – Lion Bill White introduced Jennifer Luu, sponsored by Ipswich Lions Club, he said she does volunteering at the hospital with young children and the elderly. She is a good person with a good future. Jennifer told convention she wants to hopefully inspire other young people to go on to further education, through monitoring etc. She thanked her school for giving her the opportunity to work on this project, also to Ipswich Lions for their financial help and this opportunity and Bill for his support. She hopes this will help her follow her dream to work in health care overseas. She was presented with a lion banner by the International President.

## **International Relations officer Lion Len Russell introduced Operation Friendship guest Lion John Grimstone from Brisbane Australia..**

Lion John Grimstone told convention he is a member of Brisbane Riverside Club. He said the Operation Friendship is a wonderful project and Australia have now extended theirs to Singapore. Lion John was born in Australia and Barbara his wife born in England. They have two children, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren. The weather where he lives in oz gets quite warm so they are feeling the cold. History is very short in Australia but indigenous tribes have been there for centuries, they knock down the old things and put something new in its place. He has traced his ancestors back to 1670 to Lowestoft. Great, great grandfather came from London. Joined Lions in 1981 and you join Lions for life; he joined through his brother who was also a lion and his club were raising funds for kidney research something close to his own heart as mother had died from this. John works with raising awareness and funds for prostate cancer. In 2003 Lions partnered with Marda Centre who research both prostate and breast cancer. He will go forward again this year for further 3 years; the project is supported to the tune of 700.000 dollars. Doing this work at our age we may not see the result but we do it for our sons and grandsons. How do we see the future – Relevant book Michael McQueen who is an excellent international speaker, he highlights companies who have lost way why because they fail to change, he also mentioned non profit organisations including service organisation we must not let that happen our organisation is needed worldwide, we must not lose touch with the needs of community. Our generation we need to attract 38 – 48 year olds for the sake of organisation we should not be frightened of change.

## **Peace Poster prize**

Lion Kay Large asked International President to present the prizes

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Tamzin Hill sponsored by Beccles

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Avery Carr sponsored by South Woodham Ferrers

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Jack Exley from the Ockendon Academy sponsored by Thurrock Lions.

The Thelma Fox Special Needs prize was won by Daniel Anstey of the Ashley School, Lowestoft

## **Europa Forum presentation by PID Phil Nathan**

PID Phil suggested we might like to start to look outside your club and district He has been appointed chair of the Central Eastern Europe Lions clubs

In 2006 we hosted forum in Bournemouth, it is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year

Theme for programme is Service from the Heart, it is on political and much more what we believe Wednesday can arrive

Thursday start of special events

Friday – Banquet

Saturday – Host night

There will be 18 sessions during the Forum dates and Registration cost for the whole event is £160 On Thursday you get a glass of wine and a peanut – three course dinner and half bottle of wine, also on Friday and Saturday

4 and 5 star hotels cost is £115 per day

More information available on the web site, and he showed a short video. If you are interested in offering your services as a volunteer please contact us, we will be looking for Administration staff, drivers, translators and many other job.

## **Presentation by Lion Chris Hibbert New Century Lions**

Romanian pride – everyone knows about this and most clubs have supported at one time or another but this presentation is to remind you as their coffers are getting low. This project started after the problems in 1989, and they have done 15 trips over 19 years.

They have spent £42,000 most of which has come from 105EA and the rest from 105E and we have had lots of happy children. Now the children get a couple of days with the group instead of the original 6 as there are more centres to visit. We talk of orphanages but most of the children have been abandoned, which seems worse that the parents cannot afford to keep them so they leave them. 'Pride' take the children to the cinema and swimming, for a pizza or burger, take them to the market with £10 pounds each to spend on what they want or need. Sports day is also held and great fun with everyone taking part. There is now a new project 'Learn to live'. This is where they stay with a lady for a 12 week period and she teaches them how to cook, use produce etc, and the success has been fantastic. Can we ask for your support.

### **Review of the year**

This had been produced by Lion Adrian from his sick bed, if it is wrong its Lion Adrian;' fault, if it is good Lions Dave and Simon will take the credit, if its in between Lion Adrian's fault! Please send in items during the year so that we can continue with this.

### **Vote of thanks- IPDG Jim Cawte (Wymondham)**

He thanked DG Paul for taking us through this convention with lots of discussion and debate, and also for all the time and energy you have given this District, MD and International and wish you continued success in your remaining year. He had a gift as a thank you from the District. ((Photo from International Parade and album of other photos).

DG Paul introduced Lion Kay Weedon who is the Charter President of first campus club in EA and also in the MD.

Thanks to the technical crew for all they have done today.

Thanks also to the Convention committee, who received an ovation from the floor.

**Handing over of Convention flag** – this was passed to Lion Martin Langdon for safe keeping until the 37<sup>th</sup> convention to be held in Peterborough next year. Lion Martin called upon all lions of District 105EA to come to Peterborough next year. Safe journey if going

Convention closed at 16.10pm