



# MD105 Council Chairman's Newsletter



Welcome to your newsletter from Council Chairman Stewart Sherman-Kahn

## Greetings Fellow Lions - Welcome to my second Newsletter

I have just returned from Europa Forum in Tallinn. The Forum was a great experience and what struck me most is how Lions across Europe and beyond are at their best when they work together. Learning and sharing ideas with Lions from across the Lions Family is always a helpful exercise and it is a timely reminder of how Global we are as Lions.

I also had the opportunity to support our outstanding Young Ambassador Candidate **Sienna** who came second in this year's Competition winning €1250 Euros towards her project. Sienna did herself and MD105 proud. In this



Newsletter is a reminder about how you can get involved in Young Ambassador 2020. It is a great way to engage with Lions of the Future.

Finally, please watch out for booking information for the MD Convention 2020 in Grantham which takes place on 2nd and 3rd of May 2020. We are working on a great programme which will be different from previous years to reflect the needs of Lions as we enter our second Century of Service.

I do hope that you will be able to attend.

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## YOUNG AMBASSADOR COMPETITION

It's that time of year again where Clubs are asked to look to the youth within their communities to find a Young Ambassador candidate to represent their Club in the District competition. Your District Officers are all in place and are willing to help you with applications and advice. Young people between the ages of 15-18 are eligible for the competition, they should reflect the ethos of Lions within their community, leading their own projects, making a difference. They can be found everywhere not just in school, but in church organisations, cadets, YLIS, newspapers are a great source of information.

**The MD105 Final will be held on the weekend of 21st to 23rd February, 2020 at The Village Hotel, Castlegate, Dudley DY1 4TB.**

Here all the representatives from the Districts will be competing for the status of **MD Young Ambassador for 2020**. The entire weekend is given over to what these young people have achieved, it is uplifting, exhilarating, entertaining and exhausting! Every Lion is invited to come and experience these wonderful young people; however, I need to warn you to bring a hankie, because each Young Ambassador has a story to tell, and many bring the audience to tears. **The challenge is now on...** can your club find the next MD105 winner of the Young Ambassador Competition?



Above: 2018 Young Ambassador Winner Sienna with Council Chairman Peter Burnett

Left: 2018 Young Ambassador Candidates

For further information on the competition please contact **Cath Kendall**, MD Young Ambassador Chair, [Cathke@aol.com](mailto:Cathke@aol.com)

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# LIONS MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

Local Lions Clubs ensure that millions of people benefit from its Message in a Bottle initiative.

This simple idea enables individuals to keep their personal and medical details in a common location - the fridge.

Very soon our Message in a Bottle Project will be 21 years old and to celebrate the Coming of age we will be looking to take the form into the Digital age particularly for those with more complicated medical needs. **WATCH THIS SPACE!!!!** Never fear, we will continue to supply bottles as well and never has demand been so high but we will also be able to offer as well as the bottle, the form in a digital format.

For more details on where to obtain a bottle call: 0345 833 9502 or see:

[www.lionsclubs.co](http://www.lionsclubs.co)



## Things to know about insurance for your Club!!

Lions Clubs all have cover at a multi-District level for:

- Public and Employers Liability
- Medical Mal Practice
- Trustees and Officers Indemnity cover
- Equipment and regalia up to £20,000 per club
- Cyber Liability

You can find the 'To Whom It May Concern Letter' on the MD105 Website on the insurance page where it can be downloaded to use at events.

Other covers can be purchased as required by clubs. With bonfire night approaching clubs may want to consider extra money cover for large bonfire events the main cover only offers £500 per member in a house overnight anymore would not be covered as standard.

We also offer cancellation cover, but this must be purchased and on cover 30 days before the event takes place.

Then we have the arrival of Santa and I know many clubs have sleighs. We offer cover on a fleet policy and this can be purchased on a daily or monthly basis. If you are covering the sleigh on another motor policy, you do need to check with the insurer that they will cover any injury to anyone travelling in the sleigh and any damage to the sleigh itself while it is being towed. Many mainstream insurers will exclude both. Best to always ask them to put it in writing in case of a claim.

It is also important now if you are holding an event preparing and serving food that someone has a valid Hygiene certificate and that you complete an allergy list a blank template can be found on the lions website.

Most importantly I am always at the end of the phone on **07522 985230** or email on **Insurance@lionsclubs.co.uk** if in doubt ask I am always happy to assist!!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**UN DAY, LONDON PALACE OF WESTMINSTER**  
10th MARCH, 2020

**MD CONVENTION, GRANTHAM**  
2nd & 3rd MAY, 2020

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, SINGAPORE**  
27th – 30th JUNE, 2020

## GET IN TOUCH

You can contact me anytime...

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