

Come to Wales

Parkway Hotel & Spa, Cwmbran

Greetings from DG Lion David McKirdy

I am looking forward to welcoming your and your club members to our **Annual Convention** on **22-24 March 2024** at the **Parkway Hotel and Spa** in **Cwmbran**. This is the first opportunity after the formation of our District to celebrate this important occasion in Wales.

Croeso i Gymru

Rwy'n edrych ymlaen at groesawu eich aelodau a'ch clwb i'n Confensiwn Blynnyddol ar 22-24 Mawrth 2024 yng Ngwesty Parkway a Spa yng Nghwmbrân. Dyma'r cyfle cyntaf ar ôl ffurfio ein Hardal i ddathlu'r achlysur pwysig hwn yng Nghymru.



The weekend will be a mix of business and social with interesting speakers. Our International Guest is **PID Dr Gary Anderson** from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Lion Gary is an ophthalmologist and has been closely associated with the Vision Camera aimed at eye testing in schools. This project has been in operation for a number of years in the US and the Multiple District is hopeful of receiving authorisation for launch in this country. The District will endeavour to launch at a school in Cwmbran on 22 March, watch this space.

Friday Evening is our opportunity to sit down together for Dinner with the chance to work off your dinner afterwards with our own Disco.

Saturday promises to be an uplifting day with many, varied and inspirational presentations. It will also be the opportunity to welcome our newly elected DG Team for 2024 who will be entrusted with taking our District forward. This is your opportunity to have a say in the running of our District.

Saturday Evening is our informal night to with a '**Dad's Army**' Theme, an opportunity to dress up and we have an excellent local group to help us with this.

I look forward to seeing the Lions of District 105CW at our Convention, whether it be the Saturday only or the entire weekend. Booking forms are available. We are fortunate to have an excellent hotel, accessible throughout and plenty of parking. There is a fully resourced Spa facility which is open to those members who opt to stay at the hotel.

Please remember to bring along your unwanted foreign currency for Gift for Living. Also spectacles will be collected.

I DO ASK THAT IF YOU LIVE CLOSE TO OUR NATIONAL HQ THAT YOU DROP THESE OFF THERE INSTEAD OF TRANSPORTING THEM TO CWMBRAN.



District CW Convention
March 22nd – 24th 2024

You have until the 31 January to book the CONVENTION PACKAGE at a SPECIAL RATE.

After that individual parts of the weekend can be booked and the special rate will end.

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INTERNATIONAL GUEST

DR. GARY ANDERSON

PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR



Dr. Gary Anderson, from Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a Director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 93rd International Convention, held in Sydney, Australia, June 28 through July 2, 2010.

Past Director Anderson is a Doctor of Optometry in private practice for over 40 years. A member of the Grand Rapids Lions Club since 1979, he has held many offices within the association including Club President, District Governor and Council Chairperson.

He also served as CSFII District Co-ordinator, Host Committee Chairman of the 2007 USA/Canada Forum in Grand Rapids, a member of the USA/Canada Forum Planning Committee 8 years, culminating in being the General Chairperson for the 2016 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Omaha.

Past Director Anderson was a DGE Group Leader at the International Convention in Hamburg and Montreal and has led or participated in 40 Lions Vision Missions to Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America, and Kenya. PID Anderson is also a Board Member of Lions KidSight, USA and served as a 2021-2022 Board Appointee for President Douglas X. Alexander.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the Henry Voet Grand Rapids Lifetime Achievement Award, the Lions of Michigan Foundation Humanitarian Award, the Grandville and Betty Cutler Leadership Award, the S.A. Dodge MD11 Distinguished Service Award and the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame.

PID Anderson is also the recipient of an International President's Leadership Award, ten International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award – the highest honour the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a Major Donor for Campaign 100.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Anderson is active in numerous professional and community organisations, including the American Optometric Association and the Michigan Optometric Association. He has also served as a member of the Michigan Eye Bank Board and as Board President of the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Past Director Anderson and his wife, Cheryl, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son and two daughters, all of whom are Lions and whose spouses are Lions. They have three grandsons and four granddaughters.



YOUR CONVENTION WEEKEND...

FRIDAY EVENING GALA DINNER

Enjoy good food, fun and friendship with a relaxed and comfortable ambiance. After dinner, its **DJ TINA** time with something for everyone.
ENJOY



SATURDAY

With a 'Dad's Army' feel to the evening it's back to the 1940s. We can all 'Get in The Mood' with **Pashy Pops**, our entertainment, based here in Cwm Bran. Yes! It's time for us to sip a 'Moonlight Cocktail' or a 'Rum and Coca Cola' better still... let's all 'Boogie Woogie' the night away 'Swinging On A Star' or sharing a 'Sentimental Journey' before it's time to say "We'll Meet Again" next year!



Why Come To CW Convention?

A question asked by many Lions is why come along to a Convention? There are many good reasons, the first is it recharges your service batteries - we challenge anyone to not leave a CW Convention inspired and full of ideas for the future. Convention shows us what is out there across the wider world of Lions and shows us how we can help make a difference in new and exciting ways.

We get a chance to meet up with friends both old and new, and to forge relationships that genuinely last a lifetime, we get to celebrate all things Lions, but best of all we get to have fun, enjoy laughter and fellowship with people who truly believe in making a difference!

Click on the booking link, visit www.lions105cw.uk