



Autumn

“There is no doubt that the opportunity for Europe to have a 2nd International Vice President is drawing near.”

That sentence is taken from one of PID Phil's recent blogs 'Yellow Brick Road'

I am asked, on occasion, why Phil's name appears in the Lion Magazine as a candidate but his name does not appear on the ballot paper in an election at the International Convention.

Each year, the Executive Officers meet and discuss how the candidates see the future of and what they can offer to our Association. It is usual that they then unanimously recommend a candidate; the candidates and the members of the International Board are advised and the Directors are asked to endorse the selection. If the recommendation is accepted the individual becomes the preferred candidate.

This is the system. It may seem strange to us, we may not like it, but this is what happens. Normally once that selection has been made all other candidates withdraw their application for that year. Over the years there have occasionally been two candidates still standing on the final day of International Convention, but to my knowledge the non-selected candidate has never won.

The Association is divided in to a number of Constitutional areas, all of which wish to put forward candidates for 2nd International Vice President; the Executive Officers are mindful of the need to recommend a candidate from each of the different Constitutional areas, although this is not a rotational system.

Only by submitting his name will Phil's candidacy and campaign be taken seriously.

The period since the last Newsletter was published has been very busy indeed and has involved a significant amount of travelling.

As I write this September has become October and the nights have begun to draw in, but we are no less active for the change in season. In late September Phil & I attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Overland Park, Kansas and as Phil described in his 'Yellow Brick Road' blog, it was a very, very positive visit and we returned with a real buzz.

The world knows that PID Phil is a serious candidate; he continues to accept and undertake tasks and responsibilities on behalf of the Association and it is worth remembering just some of these high profile activities and events:

- In 2011 Phil was invited to represent the Association at the Global Volunteers Conference, in Budapest.
- In 2012 Phil was invited to represent the International President and the Association at an event celebrating 25 Years of the River Blindness project, where Lions Clubs International, through our Foundation, are a major partner.

Looking to the future, Phil has recently been asked, by the Association's Executive Officers, to taken the lead as Chairman of a major programme aimed at building membership and recognition for Lions and more information will be made available once the formal announcement has been made.

The Newsletter for PID Phil's Campaign for International 2nd Vice President

Those who know PID Phil well, which is a great many in the Multiple District, will know that 'Humanitarian Service' has always been his passion and driving force. Phil, despite the traveling and visibility that is required, has not lost sight of 'Service' and the following are amongst Phil's current commitments on behalf of our Multiple District.

Phil continues as Chairman of the Board of Medic Alert UK and, in January 2012 was appointed to the Board of MedicAlert International. Since joining the Board of MedicAlert International, Phil has, building on the relationships developed between MedicAlert and the Lions of Canada and the Lions of California, worked to bring the humanitarian capacity of both MedicAlert International & Lions Clubs International, closer together. Phil was invited to serve on the Board of Special Olympics GB (SOGB) in view of his skills, experience and vision. He accepted the position and has since worked with the Council of Governors to further the relationship between Lions and SOGB.



Phil remains the Chairman of the Gift for Living Trustees and continues to work to improve the quality of medical care that is available to children in countries, which were formerly part of Yugoslavia. Phil's energy and commitment, supported by the Lions of MD105 and with the continuing support of LCIF, has seen remarkable



progress made over the past fifteen years.

In Bosnia-Herzegovina the completed projects enabled by the charity include Children's Units, Maternity Units and Intensive Care Units in East and West Mostar, Goradze, Sarajevo Bihac and Banja Luka.

Such is the quality and integrity of the programme that doctors in Kosovo, Macedonia and Albania now take part in the training and will take back the skills they develop back to their own countries.



A highly visible Lion, Phil travels widely on behalf of the Association; he holds senior roles in world leading charities yet never loses sight of the work of Clubs and Lions in the Multiple District and of the need to support, encourage and motivate whenever and wherever the opportunity occurs.



We are extremely grateful for the continued support of the Council of Governors and the Lions of the Multiple District who have followed and encouraged PID Phil every step of the way.

We have a game plan, we have a growing body of support, throughout the world, a body of support that is increasingly positive in its support and encouragement.

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For the latest news on PID Lion Phil, please look at his website www.lionphilnathan.co.uk