



Winter

What a fabulous few months since the last Newsletter!

At the end of October it was announced that Phil had been appointed as the Chair of the Central & Eastern European Initiative (CEEI) by the Executive Officers, the International President, Immediate Past President & Vice Presidents.

Phil spent time with both International President Barry and Vice President Joe in Istanbul as they discussed ways in which the CEEI could grow and develop and there are exiting plans in place, of which more in the future.

CEEI is comprised of the Russian Federation, Republic of Georgia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Republic of Montenegro, Albania, Republic of Belarus, Republic of Moldova, Armenia, Ukraine, Serbia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Republic of Latvia, and Republic of Tajikistan.

Phil has visited most of the countries that are part of the CEEI and has worked, actively, for 18 years in the countries of the former Yugoslavia; he knows the people and respects the many cultures. He knows how important it is to deliver what is promised and to respect each culture and the values of the country and people.

CEEI objectives include the ability to effectively support regional growth and development needs; build a strong membership base; improve club health; and enhance the quality of leadership at every level - all in an effort to ensure that LCI remains the world's leader in community and humanitarian service.

Commenting on his appointment Phil said 'I am delighted and excited to have this opportunity, to work with Lions who are determined and committed to building Lionism in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe'.



Phil made his first visit to a CEEI country, Bosnia, in November; this was trip with two purposes, firstly to meet Lions on the ground, to see what they were doing and the issues they face in growing Lionism in their country and secondly, in the company of LCIF Staff Julie Boonprasarn to

measure whether the work undertaken by our charity, the Gift for Living (GfL) had provided sustainable programmes.



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

Over a very busy three days Julie & Phil visited many of the hospitals where GfL has provided humanitarian aid, meeting with local Lions to foster their spirit of involvement and ownership.

Such has been the involvement of our charity, the Gift for Living that the results witnessed were far better than we could have imagined.

Baby born very premature, at 26 weeks, survives thanks to Gift for Living

All the equipment GfL has installed is still working, still fully functioning and kept in good condition, the hospitals where GfL has helped have all expanded the number of beds they provide for the care of very ill new born infants and young children.



***If you can't see children's tears can you see anything at all?
If you can't feel children's pain can you feel anything at all?
If you can't hear children's cries can you hear anything at all?***

PID Phil Nathan

The projects GfL have introduced have not only proved to be sustainable but have been the catalyst for further expansion, have been embraced by the local doctors and nurses; and continue to do is provide projects that are good quality, reliable and sustainable.

Back in the UK it was off to the House of Commons for the launch of 'Up in Smoke' the first product developed and launched by **Lions Lifeskills** since the MD agreed to take over the assets of Tacade.

The book has received excellent reviews from academics, practitioners and those involved in working with young people.

Finally, in early December Phil got to the point where we could say 'yes' to a major event.

Some 18 months ago Phil advised Council of a major event that he was developing; which was going to take time to organise but would be an enormous fund raising, service and PR potential project.

Plans for this significant event have been bubbling away in the pipeline for the last 18 months. It is now reaching the point where things will start to happen more quickly.



An incredible amount of planning has been undertaken and the structure for the entire event is already in place. This is a multifaceted event involving Lions, charities and private sector partners and could provide the template for a major event to celebrate our centenary.

Phil's original concept is still ensconced in the programme but Lion Rachel Addy has provided incredible support and it is thanks to her skills and ability along with the unbelievable support of the principle private sector partner, Pete Winkleman and the MK Dons, yes, the football team, that Phil is now at 'lift off'. More will follow!

PCC Philip Goodier

Campaign Committee Chairman

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