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## **District Youth Team**

### **Youth Projects Co-ordinator – David Skinner**

We have had achievements with Young Ambassador and the ROAR programme but this year meaningful co-ordinated activity has not been possible.

There has, however, been a lot of work put in behind the scenes and I am grateful to the Youth Officers for all their efforts.

### **Lifeskills Officer- David Skinner**

Having closed The Healthy Schools London programme at the beginning of this year we received a large order from Lewisham Borough for a bereavement resource (Life Changes or Life Changes 2) for each their schools which the District was pleased to support. Through national circumstances all our ‘Safety in Action’ work this year was cancelled and there have been few other opportunities to present resources.

However, this year we were able to support and extend the ROAR programme, now in its fifth year, into a Multiple District competition. Thanks to the flexibility and versatility of our partners 7billionideas, we were still able to hold this exciting innovative ideas competition for schools. This year schools were invited to send in a video of their ideas together with a model, a poster and a jingle for judging and the best ideas from the Northern and Southern Regions were presented at a Zoom MD final. The ROAR objective is to cover the current Personal, Social and Health Education requirements of schools and is a modern way of teaching Lifeskills. As this programme provides opportunities for Lions Clubs to integrate with their local schools it is also a valuable PR tool.

Winning schools in our District were Best Ideas- 1) Wonersh and Shamley (Cranleigh Lions),2) St.Johns (Crowborough) 3)Rudgewick (Billingshurst).

Best Poster- St Peters (Farnham), Best Model and Jingle- Blackboys and Framfield (Uckfield).

From the subsequent comments everybody engaged- children, teachers, parents, 7billionideas and Lions- enjoyed the experience. I would like to thank Lion Viv Diggins (Billingshurst) for his contribution to the development of this programme.

**Youth Exchange Liaison – Keith Mates**

It is with great sadness that I have to report that 2020 and 2021 Youth Exchange Programmes have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus. This is my last year so I would like to thank all who have assisted me delivering Youth Exchange district programmes and the Camp in 2018.

**Young Leaders in Service Liaison – Steve Walden**

I have been in touch with Schools Scouts, promoting leaders in service.

The response has been good.

At this moment in time groups aren't meeting.

Happy new year to you all.

Keep safe.

Zoom meetings good, but seeing everyone in person would be great.

Can't wait.

**Young Ambassador Liaison – Val Roberts**

Leo Harris, aged 16, is our SE candidate for this year. He has presented to Cabinet and zone 2A meeting and is looking forward to the Multi District finals in February, which is, this year, being held by Zoom.

The £500 he has won so far has been spent on more bottles for his ecologically friendly gas bottle business

The £500 bursary for attending MD finals will go towards the new, higher powered, electric bike he uses for deliveries. We wish him luck.

Please start looking for our next candidate. Priority is for clubs to elect a Youth Officer for the next Lions year who can make a start now by approaching schools to find out what voluntary work their pupils are involved in. Other groups to speak to include Scouts, ATC and Sea Cadets, Youth groups and church groups. There are many amazing young people out there involved in some brilliant projects. Young people are needed in Lions- this is one of the ways to make them aware of the work we do.

I am available to attend zone meetings to show a PowerPoint presentation and short film that can be used for promoting the Award. Any questions please contact me.

**Leos Liaison – Deric Quaile**

The Covid restrictions continue to hamper the start-up of the Leos clubs in the new academic year.

Uckfield Lions report they are trying to resurrect their Leos club at Uckfield Community College but with the Covid restrictions in place it has been difficult. Brighton Lions' Leo club at Rodean School appears to be facing similar challenges.

Malling Lions Club have hoped to start the process of forming a club at a local school but likewise have been hampered by Covid restrictions.

The Guildford Leos Club (an Omega Club) are struggling with operating remotely. Attracting new members to replace those who completed their studies and graduated at the end of the last academic year is proving challenging. The club is hoping things will pick up after the Christmas break.

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