



DG's Newsletter

District 105A

District Governor: Mike Hendy

September 2000



As Sir David Frost use to say, hello, good evening and welcome to this the third newsletter of this Lionistic year. Brigid and I are really getting into the swing of things now – club visits, charters, social functions and just occasionally the quiet evening home together (that is after I have done the post, checked the e-mails, returned the calls etc). We are both united however in saying that what we are experiencing this year is FUN, we are really enjoying ourselves and conscious that this is a once in a lifetime opportunity that we have been privileged to enjoy. All of the Hendy family are all truly proud that you have allowed us to be the ambassadors of this District for a year and we will not let you down. Early in August, together with Immediate Past District Governor Parveen, I attended a super evening on the occasion of the Charter Presentation to the Lions Club of Hadley Wood. There were in excess of people there to join in the celebrations and welcome our newest club, congratulations - and thanks – to the Lions Club of Southgate for their foresight and enthusiasm in starting this new club off and good luck to you Hadley Wood.

New members July 2000

During the month of July, we were pleased to welcome into Lions Clubs in this District the following new members:

Dave Cook, Gillian Cook, Richard Crowe, Robert Cox (Amphill); Tom Blinkhorn (Banbury); John Porterfield (Berkhamsted); Shaik Ather (Hayes & Harlington); Krishna Pujara (Kenton); Ayliff McNab (Leighton Buzzard); Bhupendra Dhanak (Wembley Brent).

I had the honour myself to induct the new members of Amphill on the occasion of my official visit, thank you Amphill for allowing me that honour. A good start fellow Lions but, in the month of July we also dropped **12 members** so the scales need to be re-balanced.

District Re-zoning

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The decision has been made by Cabinet that it is necessary to undertake a re-zoning exercise within the District. Some Regions and Zones are already up to the maximum number of clubs allowed – 16 per Region and 8 per Zone thus restricting the opportunity for further growth within those areas. In other zones there are only 4 clubs, thus there is a great inequality in membership numbers across the District. IPDG Parveen in his year asked for feedback from clubs regarding rezoning to be sent to me by 30th July. I received comments from 2 clubs and one District Officer. Fellow Lions this is your opportunity to let the cabinet know your feelings/preferences. At Cabinet, I informed Region and Zone Chairmen that my timescale was as follows:

31st August - final date for feedback from Clubs/Zones/Regions

September/October – Forward planning committee meet and come up with a draft proposal

October 31st – draft proposal is circulated to all clubs and District Officers by e mail with the DG Newsletter

November 30th – final date for receiving further feedback from clubs on the draft proposal

December – Forward Planning Committee meet for the second time to review the feedback and amend proposal if necessary

January 14th – final proposal presented to Cabinet for approval.

I want to ensure by this lengthy timetable that all clubs have the opportunity to debate the issue and then give feedback to the District, this is not re-zoning for re-zoning sake, this is vital for the continued growth of this District. So, fellow Lions, you have the chance – take it and let us know what you would like to do. All feed back to Lion Andrew Allen, Chairman Forward Planning Committee, copied to me.

Winter Forum



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The programme for this years Winter Forum, to be held Sunday 8th October at Heathrow Park Hotel, has now been circulated to clubs and in case you haven't seen it, the programme and a booking form are on the web site under 'Events'. This year I would especially encourage all Presidents to attend as I will be chairing a session entitled " Three months on – how is it going". This is your opportunity to tell me personally of things that are going right or wrong, things that the District/Multiple District/International are doing right or wrong. Let us not turn it into a whinge session however, rather let us take the opportunity to look constructively at what is happening and if action is needed to correct things then let us take that action. I will also be running a session separately for all Region and Zone Chairman with the same title, these two sessions I hope will give me the feedback needed to ensure that we are steering the right course for the year. I will also be running an Orientation Session for prospective and new members about the history of Lions using a new presentation provided to the DGEs in Honolulu. I then took this CD, and anglicised and reformatted it for use in this District. It has also been approved by the MD Membership Chairman & the MD Extension Chairman for use in the Multiple District.

At the end of the day, I am prepared to induct, in front of the whole assembly, any new members that you may have in the pipeline. This will also happen at Convention next year in March 2001, an induction ceremony conducted by International Director Phil Nathan if there are any candidates.

Use of e-technology

Last month for the first time I sent out the DGs newsletter by e-mail. Instead of sending it by post to 60+ District officers and PDGs and 91 Lions, Leos and Lioness Clubs, I was able to hit one button and send it to all bar 13 District Officers and 19 clubs. What a saving in time and an example of making good use of available technology. However, all the work that I may have ideas about, be it website work, database work etc, needs someone to undertake it at District level and currently the two District Officers, Geoff Brown and Satnam Loyal are overwhelmed with work. They have asked me therefore if I would appeal through the medium of this newsletter for any other people who may be able to assist. Please contact Geoff or Satnam to find out what skills are required.

MD Long Range Planning Committee

Following the resolution at MD105 Convention in Bolton, the MD105 LRPC has been reconstituted to include members, in rotation, from each District. I am pleased to announce that the representative for District 105A for the year 2000/2001 will be Lion Andrew Allen, Chairman of the District Forward Planning Committee.

DG's travels – September 2000

Date	Event	Site/Occasion
Mon 4th	St Albans	O/V
Tue 5th	Ealing	O/V
Wed 6th	Beaconsfield	O/V
Fri 8 th	VDG Seminar	Holiday Inn, Brent Cross
Sat 9th	Walthamstow	C/A
Mon 11th	Letchworth	O/V
Tues 12th	High Wycombe	O/V
Wed 13th	Feltham & Whitton	O/V
Sat 16th	MD PR Committee	
Sun 17th	Ruislip Proms	
Wed 20th	Barking	O/V
Thu 21st	Zone G Meeting	
Sat 23rd	Luton	C/A
Sun 24th	Fun day	Berkhamsted
Mon 25th	Harrow	O/V
Tue 26th	Harpenden	O/V
Wed 27th	Hemel Hempstead	O/V
Fri 29th	Teddington	C/A
Sat 30th	Ealing	C/A

Welfare

Please join me in wishing a speedy recovery to Len Alpe (Barking Lions), Alan Palin (Walthamstow Lions), Lion Raj Mongia (Northwood) & Anju Acharya (wife of Kumar Acharya, District Membership Officer). Don't forget all of you, welfare items please to PCC Bert Randall who will ensure everyone is informed.

STOP PRESS – Congratulations to PDG Cecil Worbey & Pam and PDG John Hunt & Brenda who both celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversaries in August and September.

Berkhamsted – 24th September – Family Fun Day – don't be square, make sure you're there – we will be!!

Mike & Brigid