



DG's Newsletter

District 105A

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Welcome

Welcome to you all in the District with this – my first District Governor's newsletter of this Lionistic year. By the time you receive this, Brigid, David and myself will have returned from the International Convention in Honolulu and will now be throwing ourselves straight into the business of serving you – our friends and our team - for the new lionistic year, 2000/2001. First may I thank IPDG Parveen and Ranjena for all the support they gave Brigid and myself during our 'apprenticeship' year and we both wish them well as they enjoy the 'wind-down year' with a less hectic schedule. Congratulations also and thanks for the innovations brought to the District, innovations which I am pleased to continue to support.

I will write some more about our experiences at the International Convention in the next edition of the newsletter and there will be a full article in the first edition of the District 105A news. However, suffice to say that it was an experience we shall never forget – our thanks to all those in the District who made the journey half way around the world to share that special moment of induction with us.

The International President, Dr Jean Behar, has made his theme for the year 'Quality,' this means:

- Quality members through selective recruitment
- Quality leaders through leadership training
- Quality image through public relations

Fellow Lions, we do have quality members within our clubs at the moment – Lions like you and I, who give freely and selflessly of their time for the benefit of others. Let us encourage those Lions in what they do, let us motivate and inspire them to seek out those other like minded individuals within our communities who might wish to become part of our International Association.

Those of you who attended the Incoming Officers workshop in June, I hope will have been helped in your preparation for taking club office. District Leadership training Officer, Lion Viresh Paul, is always looking for new ideas and we do wish to give you that which you ask for so please, any comments or suggestions, please feed back to Viresh. The next leadership event will be Winter Forum on October 8th at Heathrow Park currently although the venue may change. Viresh will be publishing the full programme soon so put the date in your diary now and be ready to complete the booking form when it arrives at the club.

The final strand of Quality is Quality image through public relations. Again those of you who attended the sessions on June 4th will have seen the presentations by Ketchum PR Consultancy which I decided to include in the programme as plenary sessions for all to attend. I hope you will have all learned something from the sessions and that you are starting to use the PR Kit that was supplied to you on that day. If your club was not represented, then please contact Paul Anstice, the District PRO, who will be only too pleased to pass it on to your club. This year, as in the last year, Lions of 4 districts, including District 105A, will be working together to produce a quality float for the Lord Mayor's Show on November 11th.

Family Fun Day – September 24th

I will be continuing with the initiative, instigated last year by IPDG Parveen, of a Family Fun Day for Lions and their families to come together in fellowship for an enjoyable day out. We will be having a jazz band as last year, there will be no sponsored walk – instead there will be a Treasure Hunt for families to participate in whilst taking a gentle 2.5 mile stroll. During the afternoon there will be races and competitions – something for all the family. The committee have decided to invite clubs to

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bring along their stalls/side-shows if they wish – the cost will be £10 but all the money that the clubs take will be theirs for them to keep so, if you are interested, please contact Lion Ken Rouse who can furnish you with more details. So, start thinking about what you or going to put in your picnic hamper (or get the food at the BBQ on the day if you wish), get the date in your diaries and make it a club social event. It is an ideal opportunity to invite prospective members to meet with Lions on a social basis.

DG's Wife's Charity – REACT

It has become traditional for the District Governor's to nominate a charity for the year of office and this year is no different. Brigid has chosen, and Cabinet has sanctioned, the appeal to be REACT – a charity dedicated to making life easier for children with terminal illnesses. All clubs will receive a letter from Brigid giving full details of the appeal along with a brochure from the organisation. The organisation does need funds to continue with the excellent work it does but it also needs recognition, some publicity that it exists and what it exists for, so if you are a healthcare professional or work in a doctors surgery or hospital then let people know about the organisation. Like Lions, not one penny of money raised from the public, goes on administration – that money is provide by a trust fund – so you can be sure that all money raised will go directly to those who need help.

Charter Anniversaries etc

It is always extremely difficult to say yes to every invitation that the District Governor receives and, as the saying goes, refusal often offends. However it is inevitable that it is not possible for me to attend every club charter so, although DG's are advised to give priority to Anniversaries of multiples of five, I am going to accept Charter invitations on a first come, first served basis. This means receiving a request in writing from the club – not a phone call. I will try to confirm, where possible by return. It is also my intention that, if I am not available, I will leave it up to the club to invite who they would like – there will be no pecking order of VDG, Region Chairman, Zone Chairman but remember, only a Lion can respond to the toast of Lions Clubs International and preferably should either currently hold District Office or are a Past District Governor.

DG's travels – July2000

Date	Event	Venue/ Occasion
Wed 5th	Club Meeting!!!!	Northwood

Thur 6th	IT Meeting	Comet Hotel
Sat 8 th	District Handover	Bell House, Beaconsfield
Tues 11th	London West	O/V
Wed 12th	Hayes & Harlington	O/V
Thur 13th	Wantage & Grove	O/V
Sat 15th	105D Handover	Bournemouth
Sun 16th	Chinatown Dragon Race	Docklands
Mon 17th	Amphill	O/V
Tues 18th	Stevenage	O/V
Wed 19th	Watford	O/V
Fri 21 st	COG	Solihull
Sat 22 nd	COG	Solihull
Sun 23rd	COG	Solihull
Sat 29th	Lord Mayor's Show Meeting	The Comet Hotel
Sun 30th	Cabinet Meeting	Oxford Belfry

And last but not least.....

I had originally intended that I would look after members' welfare myself; however as the visits start and the paperwork starts to come through the letterbox, it is clear that I could not do full justice to the role. I am therefore grateful to PCC Bert Randall who has agreed to take on this role again – a role he has undertaken so well in the past. Please ring Bert and let him know of any news of illness or bereavement of Lions or their immediate family – we are a family so let us ensure we look after ourselves as a family should. Bert can be contacted on 0208 504 3202.

NewsFlash!!!!

- *Lions Club of Hadley Wood Charter Presentation - Saturday 5th August at the Jarvis Watford - watch the web for further details*
- *Congratulation to Alec and Susan Thomas of Uxbridge & Hillingdon on the birth of their second child - a son - on 25th June*
- *Congratulations to Lion Peter Albertella of Leighton Buzzard Lions Club awarded the MBE in the Birthday Honours List for services to the local community*

That's all for this month folks, look after each other and yourselves

Mike & Brigid