



DG's Newsletter

District 105A

District Governor: Mike Hendy

January 2001



Welcome to newsletter Number 7, the first of this New Year and, some purists will say, the first of the new millennium. I am actually preparing this before Christmas but I am sure that by the time this newsletter gets to the first club meetings of the New Year, you will all be refreshed and ready to commit yourselves for service to others for the next 6 months under this District Governor and many more years to come under successive District Governors.

New members November 2000

During the month of November, we were pleased to welcome into Lions Clubs in this District the following 6 new members as reported in the November Membership report:

- Lion Malcolm Wallace, High Wycombe
- Lion James Purnell, Walthamstow
- Lion Dave Bower, Biggleswade
- Lion Prakash Soneji, Golders Green
- Lion Shyam Sippy, Golders Green
- Lion Paresh Shah, Golders Green

My personal welcome to all of you, I hope you enjoy your Lionism in your respective clubs. Sadly, during the same month, 24 members left the Association for various reasons; by my analysis of the figures reported we are 15 members down after the first 5 months of the year. We must therefore work hard for the next 6 months to ensure that we reach that magical +1 increase for the District without counting Charter Members of any new clubs.

Membership Reports

Prompt submission of Membership Reports is one of the criteria for a President receiving 100% Presidents Award at the end of their year of office. One of the reasons I mentioned specifically in the previous article "new members as reported in the membership report" is that if we do not know then I cannot publish. These reports are the only way that the District gets the information. The situation has gone so bad now that I propose to publish each month those that have not reported – for some it is a one off, for others it is a regular feature and it is costing the

District Officer, the Region & Zone Chairmen, time and money chasing what is a standard requirement by the 5th of each month. In this month's 'sin bin' are:

London Chinatown, London Covent Garden, London Newham, London Seven Kings, Hounslow, London Kingsbury, Chipping Barnet, London Swiss Cottage, London Tottenham, Bedford Harpur, Shefford, Bicester, Aylesbury, Oxford Isis.

Congratulations to Regions 4 & 5 for a 100% submission of reports.

International President's Visit – 10/12/2000

The day was superb, almost 200 people from 7 districts came together to hear our International President, Dr Jean Behar, address us all and take part in a frank Question & Answer session. Since the event I have received letters of thanks and congratulations to this district for the organisation of the event from International Director, Lion Phil Nathan, and Council Chairman, Lion David Firth plus e-mails from my co-Governors. Events like an International President's visit don't just happen; this district therefore owes a debt of gratitude to the following Lions who worked tirelessly to make it the success it was:

- PDG John & Jenny Smith
- Lions Andrew & Louvain Allen
- Lion Geoff Brown
- Lion Satnam Loyal
- Lion Eric Roshier

And finally, Brigid, who did her best to keep me calm prior to and during the visit.

Congratulations go to IPDG Parveen Verma and District Membership, Extension & Retention Officer, Lion Kumar Acharya for the Founders Membership Growth Award they received personally from the International President. Congratulations again also to the Lions Club of London Seven Kings who were formally presented with their 100% MJF banner.

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The previous article leads me nicely to an e-mail I have received from the Chairman of LCIF, **IPIP** Jim Ervin reminding us of the fundraising goal for LCIF of \$25 million in this Lionistic year. Currently the donation pattern is 2.5% down from this time last year and so to keep pace with demand for grants we need to ensure that we keep pace with donations. One of the best ways is to propose new Melvin Jones Fellows within your club, someone who, to quote from the plaque, has provided "dedicated humanitarian services". Chairman Jim has challenged each District to enrol 21 new MJFs this year; lets see what this District can do to meet that challenge. Please contact District LCIF Officer, PDG Lion Rati Shah, if you require more details.

District Peace Poster Final

The judging of the District Peace Poster competition will take place whilst the Cabinet meeting is taking place at the Oxford Belfry on Sunday 14th January 2001. It is vital therefore that you adhere to the deadline of January 10th for me to receive the entries – any entry not received by that date will be excluded. The Multiple District Final, which I will be attending, will be at the official home of the Lord Mayor of the City of London – the Mansion House – on Monday 29th January. So lets get those entries in and lets hope for a good result for 105A.

Re-zoning

I am pleased by the comments that I am receiving – both complimentary and uncomplimentary – that clubs are looking at the **FIRST DRAFT PROPOSALS** that have been proposed by the Forward Planning Committee. Make sure your club discusses them if they involve you and, if possible, get them on the agenda for a Zone Meeting. Any feedback please to Lion Andrew Allen by **9th February**.

Appeals

No, not the usual Lions appeal but an appeal for an Electronic Piano – something like a Yamaha Clavichord – which we require for the cabaret evening on the Friday of the Convention weekend - 2nd March. It may also be required for the close of Convention on the Saturday. If anyone knows where the host committee can borrow one legally, then please contact the Host Committee Chairman, PDG Lion Alan Kings, as soon as possible.

Welfare

Please join me in expressing our wishes for a speedy recovery from illness to:

- Michael Tucker, Oxford Isis
- Danny Callaghan, Walthamstow
- Alan Rosling, Wanstead & Woodford

It is with profound regret also that I have to report the passage to higher service of:

- Jack Moore, Banbury

May He Rest in Peace.

I am sure that there are other club Lions that we do not get to hear about; don't forget all of you, welfare items please to PCC Bert Randall - tel no 0208 504 3202 - who will ensure everyone is informed.

DG's travels – December 2000

Date	Event	Site/Occasion
Wed 3rd	Acton	O/V
Thurs 4th	Planning meeting	VDG
Mon 8th	Chinatown	O/V
Tues 9th	Bedford	O/V
Wed 10th	Stanmore	O/V
Fri 12th	Tottenham	O/V
Sat 13th	Company event	
Sun 14th	Cabinet	Oxford Belfry
Mon 15th	Buckingham	O/V
Tue 16th	Luton	O/V
Wed 17th	Staines	O/V
Thur 18th	Convention Mtng	
Sat 20th	LM Show Mtng	The Comet
Tue 23rd	Chipping Norton	O/V
Wed 24th	Walthamstow	O/V
Fri 26 th	COG	Solihull
Sat 27 th	COG	Solihull
Sun 28th	COG	Solihull
Mon 29th	MD Peace Poster	Mansion House
Mon 29th	Stevenage C.M.	O/V
Tue 30th	? London Hornsey	Resched O/V

- Booking forms are available for District Convention – a fun-packed weekend in beautiful surroundings in the Oxfordshire countryside. For more details contact PDG Alan Kings. **We especially need names for those intending to take part in the District Golf Competition on Friday morning 2nd March – please contact John Tinkham as soon as possible so that the tee times can be reserved.**
- Brigid was able to send off the first cheque to REACT for the sum of £3500 in December, thank you all for your generous donations.

Happy New Year to you all
DG Mike & Brigid