



## ISSUE NO. 1 – JULY 1999

### ***GREETINGS TO LIONS***

#### **DG HAS LIFT OFF!**

DG was stuck in an elevator with 15 other District Governors Elect at the Sheraton Hotel in San Diego. Emergency services had to be called. It took an hour to release us. There was immense fellowship and friendship! A few lost tempers as Governors from Germany, U.S.A., Brazil, France and your sincerely shared silly jokes about being late for our lectures, spreading our international aromas as it was extremely hot and no ventilation. DG was in State(s) for sure! Real lift off as we adopt our International President James Ervins theme of A New Century of Service through Vision and Action

Sunny Diego proved to be an excellent setting for the 82<sup>nd</sup> International Convention with 18,000 Lions from all over the world in attendance. The legendary colourful parade and touching flag ceremony were two of the highlights. Fellow Lions come on board as we sail **towards new horizons** on the Lions ships of Membership, Leadership, Fellowship and Partnership.

#### **CONGRATS & THANKS**

Thanks and gratitude to IPDG Lion Donald Lyen for his hard work and especially his courage for carrying out all his duties as District Governor despite his illness. And what's more in a dignified manner..... Have a well-deserved rest Lion Donald and Jean.

Congratulations to Lion Phil Nathan on being elected as International Director at San Diego Convention. We shall be moving **towards new horizons** with him and the ever-bubbly Jackie as our representatives on the International Board.

Thanks to all those Lions and their partners who joined us in San Diego. Ranjena and I are indebted to you for your support and encouragement. We are truly proud of being a member of the very same best District as you.

#### **LETS START SCORING**

One of our challenges this year is to be Y2000 Compliant by increasing our District membership to 2000. A net increase of only 3 members per club. Thanks to you we have already made an early start in achieving our goal.....

Come to the Elstree Golf Club on Wednesday 28 July for the Formation Meeting of the New Club of Swiss Cottage. Lets show the new Lions what we mean by Fellow-ship by attending in huge numbers. Time to proudly present your Clubs friendship banner. Book your place with Lion Dinesh Kotecha on 0171 487 5913

#### **YOU TELL US.....**

It will help us considerably to hear your views on Convention, our forums or for that matter any issue touching or concerning Lionism. Please pass on your views via your Zone Chairman or use the following further methods :

Soap Box: Any Lion in the District can put forward views he/she believes will enhance lionism generally or 105A in particular by speaking on their chosen subject for 3 minutes at any Cabinet meeting. Two speakers per Cabinet meeting. Please contact District Secretary.

Direct Call: For the very first time the new Monthly Activities Form allows you to put forward any question directly to a

Cabinet Adviser or Cabinet generally. You will receive a written response. Ask your Club Secretary.

Sunday Lunch: Any Lion is welcome to attend Cabinet meetings. Please join us. Book with Sgt.-at-Arms PDG Lion John Smith 01276 857681(H)

Resolutions : Put forward your Resolutions NOW for Convention 2000. PDG Lion John Hunt (01582 768124) District Nominations Constitutions and Resolutions Adviser will assist you in formulating your resolution for discussion. For example do you believe Zone Chairman, Region Chairman should be elected or we should have proxy/postal voting at Convention?

Say your piece as YOU are important as we together move **towards new horizons**.

### **YOUR LOCAL REP....**

Regional Advisers have been appointed for Youth, International, PR, LEHP and Environment. Contact District Advisers for names.

### **DON'T FORGET TO FILL-UP YOUR CAR .....**

Please remind your Club Secretary to forward one copy the CAR (Club Activities Report) together with both copies of the new Monthly Membership Report (M&M) to Lion Mike Hendy immediately after you second meeting.

I know it is pain to complete these reports but on my estimation we contribute no less than £1/2 m a year from our District alone to various causes. Some believe our worldwide contribution is larger than Red Cross. Please give me the pleasure of thanking you and to acknowledge your contribution and I can only do so if I know what you are doing. Let's also help International to get global figures to provide them material for our PR...please.

### **HUGE LEHP**

This Programme with assistance of a grant of over £750,000 is an excellent programme which will cost you nothing. The object is to educate and make aware the population of British Isles and Ireland of the long term dangers of diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma. An excellent educational programme for the community . Good for PR too. Lion Keith Hedges on 01908 561905 knows all.

### **GOOD WISHES**

Fellow Lions we now have three Welfare Co-ordinators in the District. If you have any news good or not so good concerning our members welfare please contact immediate Past District Governor Lion Donald (Regions 1,2&3 ) and Vice District Governor Lion Mike Hendy for (Regions 4,5, 6 & 7) or alternatively contact me with news of any member in the District.

PLEASE REMEMBER WITH FELLOWSHIP COMES MORE SERVICE.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **Sunday 26 September Berkhamsted.**

Pre-Millennium Party /Sponsored Walk *with a difference*. A new concept with jazz music, barbecue, games, treasure hunt, cash bar & hot meals at competitive prices at the Cricket Club House.

Celebrations are taking place in an area of outstanding natural beauty and a renowned area of grassland/heath in England. A view not to be missed.

Raise monies for your Clubs Charity account for distribution as you please without the hassle of organising the event. Easy.

YOU NEED TO BE THERE TO ENJOY A UNIQUE EVENT. FUN DAY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY. MISS IT AT YOUR PERIL! Lion Ram Jaggi on 01923 820203(H) has more information

### **Sunday 17 October, Winter Forum, Heathrow Park Hotel**

PCC Lion Viresh has some interesting and exciting new ideas for an invigorating Winter Forum with a futuristic look. He wants to make it happen as we move **towards new horizons**.

#### **Did You Know?**

Lions are the predominant providers of eye care services in the world. No single Government in the whole world provides more eye care services.

### **ENVY WITH GREEN:**

Our target of 2000 trees ensures we contribute our little bit to a healthier environment. For details contact District Adviser Lion Alan "Green" Kings (01491 825873)

### **PV'S EXCURSIONS**

#### **July**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Return from San Diego.
- 7<sup>th</sup> London Kingsbury (O/V)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Wantage & Grove (O/V)
- 11<sup>th</sup> London Seven Kings (h/o)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Hitchin (O/V)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Amersham & Chesham (O/V)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Chipping Barnet (O/V)
- 17<sup>th</sup> DG'S Handover
- 18<sup>th</sup> London Chinatown Dragon
- Boat Festival
- 19<sup>th</sup> Ampthill District (O/V)
- 20<sup>th</sup> London Newham (O/V)
- 21<sup>st</sup> London Acton (O/V)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> COG Meeting
- 26<sup>th</sup> Harrow & Pinner (O/V)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Youth Exchange Reception
- 27<sup>th</sup> London Hornsey (O/V)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Swiss Cottage Formation

#### **August**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Zone E cricket tournament
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Buckingham (O/V)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Carterton (O/V)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Wembley Brent (O/V)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Berkhamsted (O/V)
- 6<sup>th</sup> International Youth Centre Dinner
- 8<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting
- 9<sup>th</sup> Letchworth Garden City (O/V)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Wallingford District (O/V)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Feltham & Whitton (O/V)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Ealing (O/V)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Dunstable (O/V)

### ***SO SAD...***

Our sincere condolences and thoughts with Lion John Adam, Charter Member of Great Missenden and Prestwood whose dear wife Mrs. Enid Adam passed away recently. May the Almighty bless her soul.

### **JAPANESE YOUTH AWAIT YOUR WELCOME**

Host families for five females and one male from Japan are required on our Youth Exchange Programme from 17 to 26 August. Lion Kishor Pattni on 0181 204 0810 will be delighted to tell you more.

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1<sup>st</sup> August. Lion Paul Anstice c/o District Secretary awaits your exciting tale.