



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 105A
DISTRICT GOVERNOR: RAM JAGGI

DG'S NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME!

Welcome to the new Lionistic year and good luck for the new challenge ahead. By the time you receive my first newsletter, I would have been inducted as your next District Governor in Indianapolis. I have arranged to send the Newsletter to you all, through your clubs and simultaneously electronically to keep you informed of the latest news in and around District.

I would like to welcome Lion Mike Baldwin as your Vice District Governor who was duly elected at the same Convention at which you put your confidence in me and elected me as your District Governor. We offer our commiseration to Lion Erich Amaria of London-Finchley who was also a contestant for the position of VDG; we wish him good luck for his future endeavours.

Our Immediate Past District Governor, Lion Mike Hendy, has promoted some valuable ideas of togetherness and quality. I am a firm believer in this concept and would like to promote it further. In this rapidly changing world of Information Technology and competition, we must accept that we can only move forward provided we bring quality into our Clubs.

My theme this year will be *make a difference* and with this in mind we have to work towards our "We Serve" philosophy helping our local and International community. The theme of our International President is "*Light The Path*". If we all, in this District, work towards this path, it will make a difference.

OBJECTIVES FOR YEAR 2001-2002

Membership

I do not intend to keep a target but I must emphasize that we should arrest the current decline in membership. Members are our lifeblood. A loss in membership is very serious occurrence, because it represents a loss of effectiveness. It is obvious that the more we are, the more we can do. We should aim to achieve a growth in membership in each club, encouraging the younger members in society to join us.

Leadership

Five years ago, Lions Clubs International started a very rigorous and challenging programme of Leadership training. This was to bring quality into the district by the promotion of leadership skills through training. All the Lions in the district should involve themselves in all Lionistic activities and programmes. PCC Lion Viresh has a well tried and tested training scheme for leadership training incorporating some of the latest ideas.. Avail this opportunity of new experience by attending the seminars and improve your skills with new ideas.

Communications

We have been on the right path for the last couple of years and positive communication will help you to move forward. We must understand and implement the latest information technology on a planned but continuing basis. With forward-looking policies, we have to ensure that our District is ready to adopt the latest changes. We intend to start the training programme on Information Technology for those Lions and their partners who want to gain the basic

knowledge. PCC Lion Geoff Leeder, your IT chairman with the help of young and dynamic WEB officer Lion Neel Shah have already started exploring this concept and should you require more information, please feel free to contact them.

Promoting teamwork within clubs, zones and the District is essential This will create harmony among the members and with each other's help we intend to achieve more. Your Region and Zone Chairmen will be pleased to assist you for your clubs' planning and future growth.

I must congratulate our new leaders, the club Presidents, who are the backbone of the district. These leaders must continue to bring quality in their clubs and promote our objectives and programmes through their members.

ANOTHER NEW LEO CLUB

Well done Lions Club of London Golders Green for forming a Leo Club and increasing our family with 42 dedicated young members. The function was well attended. I welcome our new team.

FUN DAY

This year our district has organized Family Fun day on 12th August, in the middle of summer, at Birkhamsted Cricket Club. Circulars have already gone to your clubs with programme details. I urge you to promote this programme and participate in the sponsored walk.

Your club can retain fifty percent of the total money raised by your club and the balance 50% will go to District charities.

Lion Peter Gent, the chairman of the programme committee and his team are

putting tremendous efforts into make the programme successful and a memorable event. There will be lots of surprises, games for all ages, barbeque, hot and cold food, licensed bar, music the whole day and activities for children.

To raise extra money for your club charities, why not hire a stall at the cost of £10. For further information on stalls please contact Lion Ken Rouse at 020 8531 5411 and for general information Lion Peter on 01442 864472.

I want to see you in big number with your family and friends to create the friendship and fellowship.

DISTRICT HANDOVER

This is the event at which one District Governor hands over to the next and marks the start of the new DG's year.

I hope as many Lions as possible will try and this event which will take place on Saturday, 14 July at the Watford Hilton. Please book with PDG Vanmali Mistry, Tel: 020 88013480 (office) or 020 8804 8954 (home).

DG'S DIARY

27 June – 9 July: International Convention, Indianapolis

14 July: District Handover

15 July: Dragon Boat Race (London-Chinatown Lions Club)

27-29 July: Council of Governors Meeting, Solihull

29 July: London-Finchley (Barbecue)

30 July: Fun day meeting