



DG's Newsletter

District 105A

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Welcome to newsletter Number 8 and time marches on. It seems like only yesterday that I wrote my first one back in July and now, here we are, just one month away from what is the highlight of any District Governor's year, the District Convention. PDG Alan Kings and his Host Committee along with members of the District Convention Committee are working hard to ensure that all attendees have an enjoyable day or weekend. Bookings are coming in both for accommodation for the weekend, for the social events and for the business session but, in order to give the relevant committees the best possible notice, please don't wait till the last minute to book, get that booking in now. A special reminder about the Golf competition on the Friday, if you wish to play please contact Lion John Tinkham on 01608 643292 without delay as he wishes to confirm the tee times with the club.

New members December 2000

During the month of December, we were pleased to welcome into this District the following 11 new Lion members as reported in the December Membership report:

- Cate Harvey, (Milton Keynes - Bletchley)
- Mark Harvey, (Milton Keynes - Bletchley)
- Alun Evans, (St Albans)
- Kevin Dean, (St Albans)
- Evencio Alzate, (London Hornsey)
- Robin Fuller, (Wantage & Grove)
- Beryl Fuller, (Wantage & Grove)
- Malcolm Johnson, (High Wycombe)
- Malcolm Albery, (Leighton Buzzard)
- Kishor Masrani, (London Golders Green)
- Rajeev Arora, (London Golders Green)

My personal welcome to all of you, I hope you enjoy your Lionism in your respective clubs. During the same month, 26 members left the Association for various reasons so we have some catching up to do before we can balance the losses with the gains and seal the ever-leaking bucket of membership.

Membership Reports

In this month's 'sin bin' of delinquent reporters are: London West, London Seven Kings, Edgware, London Swiss Cottage, London Tottenham, Southgate, Hitchin, Bedford Harpur, Shefford, Bicester, Buckingham, Chipping Norton, Oxford Isis.

Congratulations to Regions 2 & 4 for a 100% submission of reports.

Special Olympics UK – Cardiff 2001

The Special Olympics are now but a matter of a few short months away. Rather than have any donations that Lions make towards this event being 'swallowed up' in the general fund it is hoped to achieve 'Platinum Sponsorship' for Lions MD 105 by way of an arrangement to sponsor every athlete with a sum towards their accommodation costs of some £15 per head.

This takes a sum of money in the region of £35,000 and this is our immediate target within this Multiple District. Any surplus would be handed on to the disabled games to take place in Dublin in 2002.

Sadly at this time we are still some £10,000 short of this target and I would ask all Clubs that haven't made a contribution to please give further thought to supporting this very worthwhile event and to consider a donation. To those clubs that have supported already, I thank you.

District Peace Poster Final

The judging of the District Peace Poster competition took place at the Oxford Belfry on Sunday 14th January 2001. The winning Peace Poster was painted by Grace Miller, sponsored by the Lions Club of Berkhamsted and will go through to the MD Final on January 29th. I will have the result posted on the District Website as soon as the result is known. A puzzle though, out of the 58 kits issued only 10 were submitted for judging – what happened to the other 48?

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Family Fun Day 2001

Yes we are looking ahead already and Sunday 12th August has been fixed for Family Fun Day at Berkhamsted this year. Peter Gent and his team have already swung into action and preliminary meetings are being held. So get the date in your diaries now (and start praying for sunshine this year). Further details will follow in due course.

Lions Friendship Day

Our International President, Lion Jean Behar, has asked that all clubs in the world consider holding a Lions Friendship Day during March this year. The idea does not have to be complicated; you may decide to make your meeting an open meeting and invite the general public, you might decide to set up a stall in the local shopping area so that the public can meet the Lions. It is a good opportunity to portray our quality image to the general public and another opportunity to try to attract new members. The timing isn't vitally important; it is the concept that counts.

MD Convention Guernsey May 2001

Last year in Bolton, the concept of having a District theme for the host night fancy dress was re-introduced by IPDG Parveen and there were dominoes everywhere from 105A in memory of the late Lion Jack Bradley of Dunstable Lions Club. This year the theme of the host night is 'Stars of the Silver Screen' and I have decided that we should portray the Jets and the Sharks from West Side Story. One reason for this is that casual clothes can be worn thus cutting down the need to take bulky and elaborate costumes by air. Ladies if you have seen the film or the show then you know what kind of clothes were worn, gents please decide yourself whether you wish to be a Jet or a Shark and dress accordingly. So practice the finger clicking and lets get dancing.

Welfare

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

- Meg Wynne-Mayfield, Uxbridge & Hillingdon
- Jayne Hedges, Northwood
- Dilip Vora, Chipping Barnet
- Billy Yip, London Chinatown
- John Lapp, London Chingford
- Fred Hadley, Luton
- Diane Ross, wife of Kevin Ross of Milton Keynes – Bletchley
- Brenda Hunt, wife of PDG John Hunt

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 – February 2001

Date	Event	Site/Occasion
Thurs 1 st	Europe	Business
Fri 2 nd	Europe	Business
Sat 3 rd	London Seven Kings	C/A
Mon 5 th	Rickmansworth	O/V
Tue 6 th to Fri 9 th	Europe	Business
Sat 10 th	Tring	C/A
Sun 11 th	District Quiz Final	Blakemore Hotel
Sun 11 th	District Leo Conference	
Sun 11 th	Zone C Swimming Gala	Feltham
Mon 12 th	Witney	O/V
Tue 13 th	London Swiss Cottage	O/V
Wed 14 th	Leighton Buzzard	O/V
Thurs 15 th	Convention Meeting	
Fri 16 th	Feltham	C/A
Sat 17 th	Ruislip 25 th	C/A
Sun 18 th	Membership Meeting	
Mon 19 th	Oxford Isis	Induction
Tue 20 th	Bedford Harpur	O/V
Wed 21 st	Shefford	O/V
Thurs 22 nd	(Final Convention Meeting)	Belfry Hotel
Fri 23 rd	Leighton Buzzard	C/A
Sat 24 th	Lord Mayor Show Meeting	Hatfield
Sat 24 th	Stanmore	C/A
Sun 25 th	MD Youth Award	Solihull
Sun 25 th	Burnham (Bucks)	C/A
Mon 26 th	Volunteers In Action Launch	House of Commons
Tue 27 th	London Hornsey	O/V

Don't forget.....

- Kidz day at Thorpe Park – Sunday 20th May – cost £8 – contact Lion Ken Rouse for details and bookings
- Street Children Charity Golf Day - Monday 21st May – contact Lion Max Mongia if you wish to take part.

Enjoy yourselves, have a good month, see you at District Convention in March

Mike & Brigid