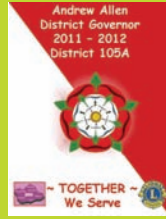


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District 105A News
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Lions Shelter - National Memorial Arboretum

In a unique haven of peace within 150 acres of wooded parkland and amid other memorials stands a stunning memorial giving the names of 16,000 Service men and women killed on duty or by terrorist action since the end of the Second World War. As our organisation is dedicated to Service it was decided to serve by providing shelter for the many visitors to the National Memorial Arboretum. Lions Clubs throughout the British Isles and Ireland have raised funds to support the construction of the Lions Club Shelter.

On Wednesday 14th September our Royal Patron, Her Royal Highness The Countess of Wessex G.C.V.O., accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant and PDG Tony Gadsby, Chairman of Council of Governors, dedicated the Shelter in the presence of invited guests. With space within the shelter somewhat limited, many Lions were gathered in front to observe the proceedings. On departing the Shelter Her Royal Highness spoke with many of the onlookers.

After a buffet lunch in a marquee adjoining the visitors centre Her Royal Highness met the guests, 25 District Governors and partners, and was presented with a number of DG's banners before finally departing.

Frank Allen
President, Abingdon Lions

District Youth Celebration
For Disadvantaged and Disabled Young People
Sunday 20th November 2011

A themed party based on Jungle Book



The District party is to be held on Sunday 20th November 2011 at Allum Hall, 2 Allum Lane, Elstree, Herts, WD6 3PJ.
Tel 020 8953 3415 - From 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Disco - Singing - Dancing
Magicians - Clowns - Sideshows
Games - Puzzles - Prizes
Food - Drink

There are 350 places available for 12 to 18 year olds and their carers at £8 pp on a "first come, first served" basis.
Closing date: 31st October 2011.
For bookings please contact Lion Vijay Arora
email: victory801@hotmail.com
Tel: 020 7323 0580 - District website www.lions105a.org.uk

Midshires Search & Rescue Organisation

Midshires are trained and equipped lowland search volunteers. The unit has been on permanent 24hr callout for over 10 years to assist Beds. and Herts. police in searching for missing people. The service is provided free and valued by police as well as relatives and friends of the missing person. The increased manpower can result in

saving life. Midshires also assist the Local Resilience Forum in civil emergencies where they provide trained members who work efficiently on any task allocated to them.

Have a look at the website: www.midshires.org.uk

Margaret Jones, Ampthill Lions Club

Cenotaph Parade - Sunday 13th November

We have been allocated a number of tickets to take part in the Remembrance Sunday Parade. As the tickets are limited they will be issued on a first come first served basis.

Please contact me in the first instance. Full details will be issued once we have them, but in previous years we normally meet for a coffee in a hostelry at the Trafalgar Square end of Whitehall.

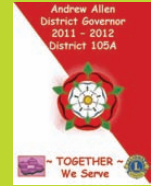
LCI Purpose:

To unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.





DG Andrew's Anecdote



What a change in the weather – I am sure you will agree that winter is on the way. It seems strange to have had lovely hot weather one week and yet now its time for the layers of clothes, gloves and dare I even say it... the thermals! With the cold weather coming it can only mean one thing – that many of the Lions Clubs will be dusting down their Christmas sleighs, washing the Father Christmas outfits and ensuring that their nominated Father Christmas's have enough padding, I always find that an extra cream cake or two works wonders.

As I have been doing my travels around the District it has been marvellous to see and hear what your Clubs are doing. From taking an elderly person to hospital to attend an appointment, to arranging a barn-dance or gala dinner!! The work that you do as Lions is really amazing. Be it raising £50 or £5000, as Lions we know the importance of what good work this money can do and how every single penny can make a difference and help those less fortunate. Trying to arrange all the club visits is a daunting challenge and has been described as a moving jigsaw puzzle; just as we think that we have a month's worth of visits arranged something changes! If I can ask that when you receive the email asking whether I can attend your club meeting, a prompt reply (positive or negative) would be appreciated. It is still my aim to visit all the Clubs within the District during my year and I am working well towards that target.

One of my aims for this year was the conversion of Leos into Lions, and I was very pleased to receive a report that St Albans Lions have just badged up their 6th Leo who has now matured

into Lions. St Albans Leo Club was chartered in 1988 and is one of the oldest traditional community based Leo Clubs in the MD. I am sure that one of the reasons for their success is that their Lion Advisors take on the role as a long term commitment so they provide a constant guiding advice for the Leos. 3 of the Leos who matured into Lions were charter members, so they have each clocked up an incredible 23 years service to Lions so far.

I would like to remind you that the 47th District Convention will be held in Wembley in March 2012. On Friday 2 March the social evening function will have the theme of 'Arabian Nights' with lots of belly dancing – I have the belly to do that type of dancing. It will be a fun evening to relax in the company of friends before the business session on Saturday 3 March. The Convention will be held at the Patidar Conference Centre on Forty Lane which is just a stone's throw away from the famous arches of the Stadium. During the evening there will be the District Governor's Banquet and Ball at the Wembly Plaza Hotel. Tickets are priced at £30 per person. There will also be plenty of opportunity for dancing on Saturday night but it won't be so wobbly!

The candidates for the position of VDG were presented in last months newsletter – I would urge Clubs to use the time between now and Convention to take the opportunity to get to know these candidates better. After all they will be serving you in a year or two.

Andrew

DG Knowledge Seminar

I am inviting you to attend a 'DG Knowledge Seminar: all you wanted to know about being a DG, but were afraid to ask' to be held on Monday, 5 December, 7-9 pm at the Herts. Bowls club in Watford. I will arrange for light refreshments and there will be a cash bar available.

The following topics will be covered:

1. Clubs (club visits, charters, club activities, club 'problems', etc.)
2. Zones (Zone visits, Zone activities, Zone 'problems', etc.)
3. District (Cabinet appointments, conducting Cabinet meetings, District projects, motivating Cabinet officers, etc.)
4. District Convention (planning, organisation, venue, sponsorship, Convention day, Convention banquet, international guest, etc.)
5. Multiple District (Council of Governors meetings, MD Convention)
6. International Convention and Europa Forum

7. Other: Finances (District, Multiple District, International such as friendship banners, travel, etc.)
8. Spouse (choice of charity, support, etc.); time commitment
9. Open question and answer session

The presenters will be PDGs sharing their knowledge, experience and insights.

Why should you attend? You have an interest in standing for VDG. You are curious what a DG does. You would like to learn more about leadership in Lions. You would like to experience some fun and fellowship. I can ensure that it will be an interesting and enjoyable evening.

In order to gauge the interest in the District, I would appreciate receiving a reply if you plan to attend the Seminar no later than Friday, 11 November.

PDG Elliot Shubert
District GLT Chair

My Diary

November 2011

- 2nd OVBeaconsfiled
- 5th CA Osterley
- 8th OVChipping Norton
- 9th OVFeltham & Whitton
- 12th CA Fairlop Lord Mayors Parade
- 13th Cenotaph Parade, Cenotaph
- 14th OVHitchin
- 16th OV Evening, MK Stony Stratford
- 17th Peace Poster Northwood College
- 19th CA Stony Stratford
- 20th Dist Youth Celebration, Elstree
- 22nd OVRuislip
- 23rd OVRoyston
- 27th CA Lunch, Corey's Mill Evening Stony Concert
- 28th OVHarrow & Pinner