



# DG's Newsletter

## District 105A

### District Governor: Mike Hendy

#### October 2000



Well here we are again, another month gone – in fact a quarter of the year – and the visits are now in full swing. Everywhere I go I cannot fail to feel proud of all the work that is going on in the local community under the banner of this organisation which I am proud to lead this year in District 105A. Those of you who I have already visited will know that I am giving clubs the option this year of a traditional District Governor visit or an open forum, debating the issues within the District, Multiple District and International. Many clubs have taken up this option and I think are enjoying the opportunity of having the District Governor 'on the spot' to address the issues that concern them.

Charter Night season has now started in earnest and Brigid and I are looking forward to meeting you all socially as we travel around the District attending these functions. Saturday nights for October, November, February, March are full, whilst December, May and June only have one Saturday free. So the message is, if you would like me to attend your charter and you have not already booked, then please contact me as soon as possible.

We will be taking a short break this month in Ireland over half term – from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> October. I hope to be spending all day on the golf course honing my skills for the Golf competition on the Friday before District Convention and also the Golf Day in aid of Street Children on 21st May. Brigid, no doubt, will be indulging in a little retail therapy.

#### **New members August 2000**

During the month of July, we were pleased to welcome into Lions Clubs in this District the following new members:

Francis Wilson (Harrow & Pinner), Diana Charles (Royston), Gyl Webb (Uxbridge & Hillingdon), Vinod Patel & John Pepper (Redbridge), Bharat Lakhani (London Finchley), Joy Prince (Teddington), Bharat Mehta (London Acton) and last but not least

Rahul Chudasama, Mahendra Patel, Mahesh Anand and Paresh Patel (Hadley Wood). Most of you will be aware of my principle objective this year – to have a net increase of members in this district at the end of the year without counting Charter Members of any new clubs – so far, after two months figures we are plus three – lets keep up this positive trend.

#### **World Sight Day – October 12th**

By now all clubs will have received a letter from Council Chairman David Firth and Ketchum PR Consultancy about World Sight Day this month. Ketchum have offered three options that you may wish to use in your locality to undertake on that day – I appreciate that time is short this year for a couple of the options but remember this will be an ongoing programme so you could start planning for next year. There will be Celebrity Photocalls for the press being held on that day simultaneously in London (in front of the London Eye and accompanied by a LEHP Screening session), in Glasgow, in Cardiff and in Dublin. Please let District PRO Paul Anstice know what you have undertaken locally on that day and, if you have any press coverage, let him have a copy of that also. The MD PR Committee are also hoping that there may be a TV opportunity on GMTV that morning but we will just have to wait and see.

#### **Family Fun Day – 24<sup>th</sup> September**

Well it certainly was not a sun-day – instead a very wet day – in fact I thought that the year had sped along when I saw Lion Alf Sanders arrive and that it was Zone C Swimming Gala!! No matter what meticulous planning goes into an event, you can never legislate for what the Lord above will throw down on you. My heartfelt thanks to those clubs with stalls and individuals who did turn up on the day Despite the downpours clubs who were there seemed to have a good spirit with the resigned reasoning that once you are very wet you cannot get much worse.

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My personal thanks to the members of the committee under the leadership of Lion Peter Gent who helped plan the event and put an awful lot of work into it. They are: Lions Andrew & Louvain Allen, Eric Bright, Charles Collins, Ram Jaggi, Martin Jenner (who continued to provide music and commentary until all his equipment got wet!!), Sudhir Karia, David Lang, Vanmali Mistry, Afzal Rai, Ken Rouse, Derek Salmon, Alf Sanders, Rati Shah & Geoff Smith. If I have missed anyone out then I am sorry but my thanks all the same.

There will be a debrief meeting of the committee on October 30<sup>th</sup> – weather apart – if you have any comments about the format, venue etc please let me have them before that date so that the experiences can be referred to for any subsequent similar events.

### Winter Forum – 8<sup>th</sup> October

This is a final call for the Winter Forum, which is being held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October at Heathrow Park. Come along and hear the candidates for District Governor and Vice Governor. Club Presidents, come along and have a one to one with the District Governor, learn some more about IT, new members and prospective members – there is a special session for you, enjoy the other parts of the programme that District Leadership Training Officer has worked hard to put together. By the time you receive this the closing date will have passed but I am sure that if you contact Lion Viresh **quickly**, he will be able to fit you in. Apart from anything else it is a marvellous opportunity for fellowship and meeting other Lions.

### DG's travels – October 2000

Date	Event	Site/Occasion
Mon 2nd	Oxford Isis	O/V
Wed 4th	London Finchley	O/V
Thur 5th	Enfield	O/V
Fri 6th	Hemel Hempstead	C/A
Sat 7th	Lord Mayors Show	Planning Mtng
Sat 7th	Chipping Norton	C/A
Sun 8th	Winter Forum	
Mon 9th	Hertford	O/V
Tue 10th	London Hampstead	O/V
Wed 11th	London Golders Green	O/V
Thu 12th	Hounslow	O/V
Fri 13th	Carterton	C/A
Sat 14th	High Wycombe	Twinning lunch
Sat 14th	Enfield	C/A
Sun 15th	Cabinet	Blakemore
Mon 16th	Sweden	(Business)

Tue 17th	Sweden	(Business)
Wed 18th	Aylesbury	O/V
Sat 21st	Berkhamsted	C/A
Sun 22nd		
To Thu 26th	Ireland	Autumn Hols
Thu 26th	Zone G	Zone Quiz
Fri 27th	Biggleswade & Sandy	C/A
Sat 28th	Bletchley	C/A
Mon 30th	Prospective DGs partners	Meeting

### Welfare

Please join me in expressing our condolences to Kath, widow of the late Lion Ray Tron of Stevenage Club and Joy, widow of the late Lion Colin Clews of Rickmansworth Club. May the souls of Ray and Colin rest in peace. Don't forget all of you, welfare items please to PCC Bert Randall - tel no 0208 504 3202 - who will ensure everyone is informed.

### Watch out for:

- **More details of the International President's visit to District 105A on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at Heathrow Park. We are hosting Sunday lunch for the International President, International Director Phil Nathan, and Council Chairman David Firth plus DGs and Lions potentially from 9 other Districts. Lion Andrew Allen will be notifying details and sending out booking forms.**
- **Kids Festival Party on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January for the children of Lions in this District. More details soon from Lion Ken Rouse**
- **The Zone N and Thame Lions Club Convention Committee who may be visiting a Zone Meeting near you as they publicise all that the District Convention has to offer you – members of the Lions family – in March next year at the Oxford belfry Hotel. Get the date in your diary now and enjoy a fun filled weekend with your friends in beautiful surroundings**

**Enjoy yourselves and have a good month  
Mike & Brigid**