



# DG's Newsletter

## District 105A

### District Governor: Mike Hendy

### December 2000



Hello everyone and welcome to newsletter Number 6 coming up to the turn of the year. My countdown clock in front of me on my desk tells me that at the time of writing this newsletter I have seven months and five days to go before I become PDG Mike. Like all DGs before me I can only re-iterate that the fellowship and friendship Brigid, David and I are enjoying this year will stay with us for the rest of our lives and it is all down to you out there, the 1850+ members of District 105A. You are people who care passionately about the needs of others and go about serving those needs in a determined way with 100% commitment – for this you can all be justifiably proud as I am of you.

Over November and December many of the diverse cultural groups in this District enjoy their own very special religious festivities; Brigid, David and I wish each and everyone of you the compliments of **YOUR** season and wish you all well for the coming year. We are looking forward to our Christmas break – my last Lions function is currently December 20<sup>th</sup> and the next January 2<sup>nd</sup> - during most of this time we will again be visiting Brigid's family in Ireland. So please all of you enjoy the festivities, enjoy the break and let us all return refreshed to move this District forward for the next 6 months.

#### New members October 2000

During the month of October, we were pleased to welcome into Lions Clubs in this District the following 11 new members:

- Ampthill Lion Tony Wilson
- Ampthill Lion Kath Wilson
- Bedford Lion William Jennison
- Biggleswade Lion Janet Lucas
- Edgware Lion Vince Gohil
- High Wycombe Lion Pam Konieczny
- Lon. Hendon Lion Bharat Shah
- Lon. Host Lion Aliya Jacobs
- Lon. Kingsbury Lion Jyoti Inamdar

- Ruislip Lion Justin Macaulay
- Ruislip Lion Sabah Salih

My personal welcome to all of you, I hope you enjoy your Lionism in your respective clubs. Sadly, during the same month, 14 members left the Association for various reasons; by my analysis of the figures reported we are just 3 members down after the first 4 months of the year so I congratulate you all for following my message of membership retention and building from within. Lets continue to work together and aim for that +1 for the end of the year and start closing the 'leaky bucket'.

#### International President's Visit – 10/12/2000

The day is getting closer and the numbers so far are disappointingly low. I have already sent out an email to all clubs urging them to book straightaway, this is a second appeal to do so now if you haven't already done so. We have not hosted a visit from an International President since 1997/98 in PDG Brian Yeoman's year so this is a great honour. Let's not have a half empty room for the visit – don't delay, book today – Lion Andrew Allen is waiting for your call.

**Remember tickets will not be issued on the day.**

#### District Youth Award Final

Our congratulations to Craig Borrett, the candidate from Milton Keynes – Bletchley Lions Club who, on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November won the District Youth Award final and will go forward to represent this District at the end of February in Solihull for the MD final. Brigid and I were pleased to meet all the candidates who were of an extremely high standard; the judges' job must have been very difficult. Thank you all those clubs who took part and joined your candidate on the day, thank you to the three judges who did a magnificent job and a final thanks to Lion Mike Baldwin, District Youth Award Officer and his wife Janet for organising the event.

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## District Quiz Final – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2001

By now most of you will have had your Zone Quiz finals and some may be planning your Region final. District Competitions Officer Lion John Rudd has asked me to give you advance notice of the District final which will take place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2001 at the Blakemore Thistle Hotel, Hitchin – 09.30 for 10.00 – cost inclusive of morning coffee and lunch will be £11 per person. So enjoy the fellowship, get a fun team together or support your Region team – numbers of attendees please to Lion John.

### Appeals

All clubs will have received an appeal for funds for **LIBRA**, the **Lions International Blood Research Appeal** – please give the appeal consideration at your club meeting. Please also consider the **Special Olympics** appeal – if you have not already made a contribution, please do so to this very worthy cause where all money raised by Lions will go towards the welfare of the athletes and not administration.

### Welfare

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

- Anju Acharya, wife of Lion Kumar Acharya, Chipping Barnet Lions Club

It is with profound regret also that I have to report the passage to higher service of:

- Mrs Meeta Shah, daughter of Lion Laxmi Shah - Wembley Brent Lions Club
- Lion Tarlochan Singh Kalsi (aged 51) – Ealing Lions Club
- Lion John Kirby, Biggleswade Sandy Lions Club

May they Rest in Peace.

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 – December 2000

Date	Event	Site/Occasion
Mon 4th	Southgate	O/V
Tues 5th	Tring	O/V
Wed 6th	Southall	O/V
Thur 7th	Berkhamsted	O/V
Sun 10th	International President visit	Heathrow Park
Mon 11th	Denmark	Business
Tues 12th	Denmark	Business
Tue 12th	London Hornsey	O/V
Wed 13th	Dunstable	O/V

Thur 14th	Region 4 quiz	
Sun 17th	Swiss Cottage Party	
Wed 20th	Northwood	O/V

### Don't forget:

- Kids Festival Party on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January for the children and grandchildren of Lions in this District. Lion Ken Rouse has already circulated details – remember attendance is limited to 150 children so it's first come, first served. At the time of writing take-up has been slow – if the places are not filled by the families of Lions my mid December, I shall consider taking some underprivileged children instead.
- Booking forms are available for District Convention – a fun-packed weekend in beautiful surroundings in the Oxfordshire countryside. For more details contact PDG Alan Kings.

### Watch out for:

- Emerging Lions Leadership Institute to be held in Lyon from April 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> 2001. This institute is for Lions with 5 years or less of membership who have not yet attained the position of club president. Further details available from me, applications in writing please.
- 47<sup>th</sup> European Forum to be held in Porto, Portugal from Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2001

### On a personal note.....

I am proud to tell you that my son-in-law Russell, husband of Lion Nikki Peters of Northwood, was chosen recently to represent England in the World Karate Championships in Portugal. He reached the semi-finals where the eventual world champion beat him. Well done Russ.

### REACT

The District Treasurer will be sending off nearly £3,300 to REACT before Christmas; this has been raised so far due to your generosity. Thank you from Brigid and those who will be helped

### And finally.....

As you enjoy your family festivities, please remember those around you who may not have family to celebrate with. Take a minute, make sure they are ok, and show them you care.

**Regards and best wishes from  
DG Mike, Brigid & David**