



DG's Newsletter

District 105A

District Governor: Mike Hendy

March 2001



By the time most of you get to read this newsletter at club level, the 36th Convention of District 105A will have happened. As I write this newsletter – issue number 9 – I am in the last throes of panic in bringing all the disparate parts of the whole event together with the very able assistance of the Host Committee under the able leadership of PDG Alan Kings and District Convention Officer Lion Geoff Brown. The April edition will carry some of my thoughts and feedback on the event. Certainly bookings are very satisfactory for this stage - one week away from the event – and I know Alan is bracing himself for the usual rush of last minute bookings which inevitably arrive.

At the end of this month, Brigid and I, along with VDG Ram and Lion Eric Amaria and Arnawaz will be travelling to Germany to attend the Convention of District 111NB at the invitation of District Governor Lion Peter Senger. All of us are looking forward to that experience and making new friends in our twin District. Watch the 105A News for an article on this event. And then it is time to prepare for MD105 Convention in Guernsey – don't forget all of you – the dress for Host Night for this District is 'West Side Story' so get those fingers clicking.

New members January 2000

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

- Michael Thacker (Oxford Isis)
- John Epton (Carterton)
- Sue Epton (Carterton)
- Karl Wells (Northwood)
- John Pepper (Redbridge)
- Khalda Malk (Stanmore)
- Parminder Amrit (Stanmore)
- Nordia Clarke (London Host)
- Ian Walden (Harpenden)
- Maggie Gardner (Berkhamsted)

My personal welcome to all of you, I hope you enjoy your Lionism in your respective clubs. During the same month, 20 members left the Association for various reasons so we have still not achieved the balance or plugged the leaky bucket.

Membership Reports

In this month's 'sin bin' of delinquent reporters are: London Chinatown, London Newham, London Seven Kings, London Kingsbury, Stevenage, Letchworth Garden City, Milton Keynes (Stony Stratford), Bicester, Aylesbury, High Wycombe.

Again, congratulations to Regions 2 & 4 for a 100% submission of reports on time; come along Regions 1,3,5,6,7 – you can do it as well.

MD Peace Poster Final

The judging of the Multiple District Peace Poster competition took place at the Mansion House on Monday 26th 2001. The winning Peace Poster came from District 105SE and will go forward to the International final.

Family Fun Day 2001

Yes, another advert already for the 2001 family Fun Day. The date has been fixed as Sunday 12th August at Berkhamsted again. 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.

Wanted – IT skills

A great deal of work on IT has been done this year by a few people. As the use of IT grows then inevitably more skills and manpower are required. If you possess some IT or website skills and would like to get involved in the District IT Team for next year then please contact Lion Geoff Brown or Lion Satnam Loyal who will be only too pleased to tell you about the job.

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India Earthquake Appeal

The response in this District to the above appeal has, as is usual, been exceptional. To date a sum of approximately £8500 has been channelled through our District Treasurer to go direct to India via Lions contacts in the affected region. VDG Ram Jaggi has made the contacts, including Past International President Rohit Mehta and they will see that the money goes where it is needed most. International Relations Officer, Lion Mukesh Palan, has also tracked another £35k to £45k has been donated by Lions through temples and other organisations – this is absolutely magnificent. On my travels around the clubs recently, I have met many Lions who have just returned from the affected area and the feeling is that there is now enough immediate aid and that what is need now is some medium to long term planning to rehabilitate those families who have lost everything. This is, of course, in line with the aims of LCIF who are also working closely with the District Governor of the affected region. So please fellow Lions, think now about LCIF as our foundation which will do all it can to help those who need help most – and in the most practical way. Do not forget also that there is an LCIF fund set up for El Salvador who will also need a lot of for the medium to long term future. Last year, \$25 million went into LCIF but \$42 million went out in aid; this year the amount that goes out is likely to be even larger; let us as a District ensure that we do all we can to top up those coffers. Think LCIF!!

PU101 & MD Directory Forms

Now is the time of the year for club elections for next years officers. You will have already received the PU101 Form from LCI which requires details of the President, Secretary and Treasurer; very shortly you will receive a form from MD HQ asking for details of the President and Secretary to go in the MD Directory. Last year the MD directories were late going out due in some part to the late submission of information by clubs. I remind you now that MD forms are required to be returned by **30 April** and the LCI forms by **31 May**, **Both forms, when completed, must be sent to Lion Keith Tooley, District Administration Co-ordinator, who will collate them all and send them together to MD HQ and LCI.** Failure by any club to submit details by the deadline will result in this year's entry being repeated for next year.

Street Children Golf Competition

Forms have been sent out by Lion Max, contact your friends, get a few people together and lets make some money for Street Children. Closing date for entries is 20th March

DG's travels – March 2001

Date	Event	Site/Occasion
Thu 1 st	Convention Prep	Oxford Belfry
Fri 2 nd	Cabinet Meeting	Oxford Belfry
Sat 3 rd	Convention	Oxford Belfry
Sun 4 th	Breakfast with Phil	Oxford Belfry
Mon 5 th	Newport Pagnell	O/V
Tue 6 th	Milton Keynes (Bletchley)	O/V
Wed 7 th	Teddington	O/V
Thu 8 th	Street Children London Covent Garden	Foreign Office O/V
Fri 9 th	Bedford Harpur	C/A
Sat 10 th	105BN Convention	Blackpool
Sun 11 th	105BN Convention	Blackpool
Tue 13 th	Kenton	O/V
Wed 14 th	Geneva Winslow	Business O/V
Thurs 15 th	Banbury	C/A
Fri 16 th	Region 3 Proj	
Sat 17 th	105SW Convention	Brixham
Sun 18 th	105SW Convention Zone B Swimming	Brixham
Mon 19 th	Redbridge	O/V
Tue 20 th	Edgware	O/V
Wed 21 st	Milton Keynes (Stony Stratford)	O/V
Sat 24 th	London Acton	C/A
Sun 25 th	Zone I Swimming Gala	
Sun 25 th	Burnham (Bucks)	C/A
Mon 26 th	Bottle Scheme Launch	Redbridge
Fri 30 th	District 111NB Conv.	Germany
Sat 31 st	District 111NB Conv.	Germany
Sun 1 st April	District 111NB Conv.	Germany

Good News.....

- Congratulations to Connie Rees MJF, who has been closely associated with Stevenage Corey's Mill Club for some time. Connie was recently awarded an MBE for her charity work

Don't forget.....

- Kidz day at Thorpe Park – Sunday 20th May – cost £8 – contact Lion Ken Rouse for details and bookings

**Enjoy yourselves, have a good month, see you on our travels
Mike & Brigid**