



DG's Newsletter

District 105A

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April 2001



Well it's happened – District 105A's 36th Convention has passed into history and all the planning that went into it made it a highly successful event. I have received a lot of positive feedback and, currently, no negative feedback so it is hoped that everyone who attended the event enjoyed it. Brigid and I were overwhelmed by the reception we received; all the cards and greetings that we received will be (one day when this year has finished) filed away in scrapbooks to remind us of the occasion – any one who has some surplus pictures of the event then please, if you don't mind, can you let us have a copy please.

Next week, District 105A's Lions descend on District 111NB (I am brushing up on my German for the occasion) – no doubt the event will be different but that is the value of visiting other conventions – increasing your knowledge base. This month Brigid and I have also attended District 105BN and 105SW Convention – again it was great meeting up with old friends and making new ones. And then, in May it is our MD Convention in Guernsey – don't forget, those who are going, the theme for the District is West Side Story – has anyone got a small easy to transport ghetto blaster that we could play some of the soundtrack from? Please let me know. As is customary, we will be aiming to have a get-together for District 105A on the Friday night after the Civic Reception – watch this space for the venue.

New members February 2000

During the month of January, we were pleased to welcome into this District the following 17 new Lion members as reported in the February Membership report:

- Pat Moon (Oxford Isis)
- Valerie Rush (Wallingford)
- Diana Gill (High Wycombe)
- Neil Murray (High Wycombe)
- Naresh Chauhan (London Hendon)
- Sandeep Prashar (London Seven Kings)
- Dharmendra Patel (London Seven Kings)

- Yogendra Patel (London Seven Kings)
- Devinderpal Sing-Gabhari (London Seven Kings)
- Bushra Sardar (Harrow & Pinner)
- Jose Torres (London Hornsey)
- Hector Hernandez (London Hornsey)
- Nick Barber (Beaconsfield)
- John Richards (Winslow)
- Julian Hornsey (Chipping Norton)
- Barrie Hawkins (Bedford)

My personal welcome to all of you, I hope you enjoy your Lionism in your respective clubs. During the same month, only 4 members left the Association for various reasons. I calculate that so far this year we are 36 down on the start of the year but with the positive trend this month we could still plug the leaky bucket by the end of the year. Today I received a membership summary of the world from LCI – in MD 105 as at end of December we are minus 162 members and our membership now stands at 19,249 members; globally we are minus 17,288 and our total membership now stands at 1,399,199. It is somewhat comforting to know that it is a bigger leaky bucket.

Membership Reports

This month's 'sin bin' of delinquent reporters is smaller than usual, resident are: London Covent Garden, Greenford Willow Tree, Sudbury, London Kingsbury (January & February), Aylesbury (January & February). How about going for 100% next month for the first time this year? My thanks to Keith Tooley, Region Chairmen and Zone Chairmen for breaking a few arms

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

REACT update

The District sent off a first instalment of monies received (£3500) to REACT in December; a

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second instalment of £2000 has just been paid over. Your first contribution of £3500 paid for:

- A fridge and microwave
- A carpet
- A contribution towards a computer
- An electric bed
- Replacement of a central heating boiler
- A customised car seat
- Bunk beds
- Snug seat system
- Travel expenses for a relative

and sadly, two lots of funeral expenses for youngsters whose lives had ebbed away. Once I have had an update on the second instalment I will publish that as well. Brigid, REACT and I cannot thank you all enough for your generosity.

PU101 & MD Directory Forms

This is a repeat message because it is important. Now is the time of the year for club elections for next year's officers. You will have already received the PU101 Form from LCI that 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 and all parts, 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.

Activities report update

Do you remember at the end of last year you were asked to fill in an activities report by LCI – 21% of the clubs in the world did so and in this District 16 of the 86 clubs did. I have just received the analysis of the evaluation of the forms sent by this district. In all, 20,534 hours of activity was reported and a total of \$773,582 was raised/donated to charitable causes. Fellow Lions I congratulate you and especially congratulate IPDG Parveen for exhorting you to those new horizons – I wonder what the total would have been if all clubs had submitted the reports? I will get the full analysis published on the web in due course.

DG's travels – April 2001

Date	Event	Site/Occasion
Sun 1st	MD 111NB Convention	Germany
Tues 3rd	Greenford WT	O/V
Wed 4th	Wembley (Brent)	O/V
Fri 6th	Watford/Rickmansworth	C/A
Sat 7th	LM Show Mtng	Hatfield
Sat 7th	Mile of Pennies	Redbridge
Sat 7th	Zone E	C/A
Tues 10th	Wallingford	O/V
Wed 11th	Abingdon	O/V
Thur 12 th	Devon	Break
Fri 13 th	Devon	Break
Sat 14 th	Devon	Break
Sun 15th	Devon	Break
Mon 16th	Zone C Fun Day	
Tues 17th	London Newham	O/V
Wed 18th	London Chingford	O/V
Fri 20th	Newport Pagnell	C/A
Sat 21st	St Albans	C/A
Sun 22nd	Thame	C/A
Mon 23 rd to Fri 27th	America	Business
Fri 27th	Ireland	Family Occasion
Sat 28 th	Ireland	Family Occasion
Sun 29th	Ireland	Family Occasion

Welfare

This month we wish a speedy recovery to:

- Lion Margaret Lathwell (Luton)

And send condolences to the family of

- Lion Billy Yip (London Chinatown) who was buried on Tuesday 20th march

Nothing to do on Saturday 7th April?-Read on

- Redbridge Lions Club will be attempting to break the world record for laying a Mile of Pennies, currently held by another Lions Club in this MD. Many nimble hands will be needed and, more importantly, pavement-friendly knees. You have to be quick and you have to be 'comfortable' kneeling on the concrete laying the pennies. I think Redbridge deserve our support – I intend to get their for some of the time – can you help also? The more we get the more frequently we can change shifts. Contact Lion Doreen Carr if you wish to help. Good luck Redbridge!

Regards, Mike & Brigid