



DG's Newsletter

District 105A

District Governor: Mike Hendy

May 2001



Well this is the penultimate edition of DG Mike Hendy's newsletter. The words of the song say "time goes by so slowly" but I can tell you – not in this job. Since my last newsletter, four intrepid Lions and partners travelled to the MD111NB Convention in Oldenburg and enjoyed the hospitality of our twin District. I even managed about 5 lines in German whilst addressing convention and didn't get into any trouble so what I said must have been ok (funny thing, they never tell you about language lessons at DGE school). The highlight (for the Germans) was on the Friday night when we were introduced to a local delicacy – smoked eels!!! Your District Governor, District Governor Elect and District Medic Alert Officer politely declined but in true International spirit, your District International Relations Officer for Europe tucked in with gusto. Brigid, Arnawaz and Eileen also put us to shame by enjoying them, however, the other part of the tradition – neat schnapps downed in one gulp – was much more to our liking. We did enjoy the trip however, and I know DGE Ram is looking forward to furthering the activities between the two Districts next year. In 2002 the Convention is in Osnabruck – watch for adverts.

I would like to make mention here also of the elections that took place and awards presented at our 105A Convention in March.

Congratulations to DGE Ram Jaggi and VDGE Mike Baldwin – we all know you will continue to serve the district in your new roles as diligently as you have done in the past. Commiserations to Lion Erach Amaria, don't give up Erach, keep trying.

Melvin Jones Fellowships were awarded to:

- Lion Geoff Brown (Ruislip)
- PDG Lion Alan Kings (Wallingford)
- Lion Marline Kings (Wallingford)

in recognition of their many years of service to humanitarian needs.

The International President's Leadership Medal was awarded to:

- Lion Neville Osmond (Harpenden).

International President's Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to:

- Lion President John Crick (High Wycombe)
- Lion Steve Foott (Amphill District)
- Lion Peter Thomas (Amersham & Chesham)
- Lion Doreen Carr (Redbridge)

Bert Mason Humanitarian Award:

- IPDG Lion Parveen Verma (Chipping Barnet)

District Extension Chairman's Award:

- Lion Kumar Acharya (Chipping Barnet)

District Governor's Certificate of Appreciation:

- PDG Lion John Hunt (Harpenden)
- Lion Max Mongia (London Finchley)

I would like to extend my congratulations and those of the entire district for these well-deserved awards.

New members March 2001

During the month of March, we were pleased to welcome into this District the following 9 new Lion members as reported in the March Membership report:

- Lion Derek Brimicombe (Milton Keynes, Bletchley)
- Lion Christine Lindsay (Staines and Ashford)
- Lion Dominic Lee (London Chinatown)
- Lion Mark D'Cruz (Ealing)
- Lion Kamalnain Singh Gabriele (Ealing)
- Lion Dilbagh Singh Assi (Ealing)
- Lion Michael May (Walthamstow)
- Lion Savitri Bailey (Luton)
- Lion Robert Benbow (Newport Pagnell & Olney)

Welcome to all of you on behalf of Lions Clubs International, District 105A and myself; I hope you enjoy your Lionism in your respective clubs. During the same month, 11 members left the Association for various reasons. I calculate that so far this year we are now 37 down on the start of the year but there are still two months left!!

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Membership Reports

This month's 'sin bin' of delinquent reporters is London Kensington & Chelsea, London Covent Garden, London Hampstead, London Kingsbury (three months in arrears), Letchworth Garden City, Bedford Harpur, Shefford, Beaconsfield and Chipping Norton.

I have reminded Zone & Region Chairmen that it is a requirement of a Chartered Lions Club to submit forms as required on time and that they should impress this on clubs; it is also one of the criteria for 100% President's award. This District is allowed two misses out of the 12 months for not sending in 90% of club reports on time; this year, in 8 months, we have only achieved that 90% twice and I am not proud of that. I will apply that same latitude when approving 100% President's awards – if a club has missed the deadline more than twice then I will not approve the award on that criteria.

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.

REACT update

The figure raised now is fast approaching £8000 – Brigid sends her grateful thanks to you all for your generosity. We are now being deluged with orders for bookmarks and are running short of supplies. If you did not want the bookmarks that were sent to you 'on approval', could you please return them in the stamped-addressed envelope that was provided as soon as possible as we can help to fill the orders with the returns. Thank you.

Leo Club of London Golders Green

The new Leo Club of London Golders Green is being chartered on Friday May 18th at the Wembley Plaza (formerly the Hilton). The Lions Club of London Golders Green have worked hard to bring this club to fruition and it is being formed with in excess of 40 members so please support the event – full details from Lion President Barney Patel – (H) 01923 820579 or (B) 0208 238 9300.

District Handover – July 14th 2001

Final arrangements are now being made for District Handover that will take place on Saturday 14th July at the Watford Hilton – full details will be sent to clubs in May but get the date in your diary now.

Guinness Book of Records for Redbridge

Not content with scooping a good majority of the trophies at District Convention, Redbridge Lions Club entered the Guinness Book of Records on

April 7th when they beat the record for laying a mile of pennies. The new record now stands at 3 hours 57 minutes and, as one who spent just 20 minutes laying some pennies, my congratulations to all those members that helped – I know how hard it was.

DG's travels – May 2001

Date	Event	Site/Occasion
Tues 1st	Kensington & Chelsea	O/V
Thurs 3 rd to Mon 7th	MD Convention	Guernsey
Mon 7 th to Fri 11th	Barcelona	Business
Fri 11th	Staines & Ashford	C/A
Sat 12th	Hounslow	C/A
Sun 13th	Cabinet Mtng	Blakemore
Mon 14th	Witney	O/V
Wed 16th	London Acton	O/V
Thur 17 th	Zone G	Meeting
Fri 18 th	Golders Green Leos	Charter Presentation
Sat 19 th	Ampthill & Shefford	Joint C/A
Sun 20th	Thorpe Park	Kidz day
Mon 21st	Street Children Golf Tournament	
Wed 23rd	Zone N	Meeting
Sat 26th	London Hornsey	C/A

Bereavement

- The District send their condolences to the family of Past Council Chairman Lion Roy Stinton from Mexborough in District 105C who died suddenly last month. I had the privilege of serving under Roy as MD PRO in his year as Council Chairman and he was a true Lion who would give freely of his time and advice whenever it was needed. MD105 will surely miss him. May He Rest in Peace.

Looking forward

- Brigid, David and I are looking forward to being with Ram and Shashi as he takes the oath as your next District Governor on Friday 6th July in Indianapolis. If you are going, let us know so that we can try to ensure that 105A are together on this occasion

Look after yourselves and see you all soon

Mike & Brigid