



DG's Newsletter

District 105A

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June 2001



This is it – the last edition of DG Mike's newsletter for this Lionistic year and, as a result of the resolution at Convention, the last of the DG's newsletter in its current format.

Brigid, David and I have had a thoroughly enjoyable year, but, for any future aspiring DG's, don't ever underestimate the energy and commitment it takes to keep going throughout the year especially if you are holding down a full time job as well. There have been high spots but there have also been some challenges – thankfully only a few – but challenges are part and parcel of the role of DG – a role for which you get excellent training at District, MD and International level.

We have 're-discovered' a long lost relative of Brigid's who has a cottage on Lake Ontario; we are going to head there after the International Convention for a week of R&R before returning in time for Handover on July 14th at the Watford Hilton – £27 a head - full details from Sergeant at Arms PDG John Smith. We would love to see a full house there as I hand over the chain of office to DGE Ram.

Since the last newsletter, we have attended MD Convention in Guernsey and were proud to see the following members of our District receive International Awards:

International President's Leadership Medal:

Lion Kishore Pattni (London Golders Green)
Lion Keith Hedges (Luton)

LCIF Challenge Clocks:

IPDG Lion Parveen Verma (Chipping Barnet)
PDG Lion Rati Shah (Enfield)

International President's Certificate of Appreciation:

Lion Frank Edmonds (Northwood)

On behalf of the district I congratulate you all on those well-deserved awards.

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New members April 2001

During the month of April, we were pleased to welcome into this District the following 7 new Lion members as reported in the April Membership report:

- Lion Arvind Yadav (London Swiss Cottage)
- Lion Brenda Hopkins (Feltham & Whitton)
- Lion Alan Hopkins (Feltham & Whitton)
- Lion Robert Higgins (Harpenden)
- Lion Josie Norledge (Stevenage Corey's Mill)
- Lion Christine Bristow (Hertford)
- Lion Linda Anderson (Hertford)

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, 7 members left the Association for various reasons. Is this balance this month the start of an upswing?

Membership Reports

This month's 'sin bin' of delinquent reporters is London Host, Hounslow, London Kingsbury, Letchworth Garden City (this month will be three months in arrears), Aylesbury, Thame and Carterton.

Again, 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. I would like to be able to hand over to DGE Ram some exact statistics at the end of this year as to the number of members we have in the District rather than 'guesstimates' so please make a special effort all of you to submit your reports on time for this last two months of this year.

Again, congratulations to Regions 4 & 6 for a 100% submission of reports on time; come

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along Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, & 7 – you can do it as well.

REACT update

The figure raised now has exceeded £9500 – Brigid sends her grateful thanks to you all for your generosity. We will have a breakdown of how the money has been spent and the final amount raised in the new 105A News as soon as possible

Leo Club of London Golders Green

The new Leo Club of London Golders Green was Certificated on Friday May 18th in front of in excess of 200 people. My congratulations to the Lions Club of London Golders Green for a well-organised and meaningful evening. This club is now busy also interviewing prospective members of South Herts – Moor Park so DGE Ram will have a good start to his year.

Surplus Money?

Now is the time of year when clubs ask their Treasurers how much money is there to spend in the Charity Account. If you are in that position and have not earmarked certain funds can I identify two possible routes:

- Special Olympics in Cardiff at the end of July where money is still needed for the athletes
- Lions Gift for Living – many of you will have heard ID Phil Nathan speak movingly in Guernsey of the mother who had to deliver a breech birth because there was no money to buy surgical thread for a Caesarian Section. Fellow Lions, there is ample work to do in those war torn areas of middle Europe – and it is not far away, it is just across the channel, not in a third world country. Can this really be Europe as we know it where this situation exists? Lions Gift for Living is our MD105 charity and it needs more help, please do all you can to send a donation – you can be sure it will soon go to where it is needed.

DG's travels – June 2001

Date	Event	Site/Occasion
Sat 2nd	London Finchley	C/A
Sun 3rd	Incoming Officers	Oxford Belfry
Tue 5th	St Albans Leos	
Wed 6th	London Kingsbury	O/V
Fri 8th	Zone E Meeting	
Sat 9th	LM Show Meeting	Jarvis Hatfield
Sat 9th	Northwood	C/A
Tue 12th	Bicester	O/V
Thur 14 th	London Covent Garden	O/V

Fri 15 th	Witney	C/A
Sat 16 th	London Chinatown	C/A
Sun 17th	Wantage & Grove	C/A
Sun 17th	DGE Garden Party	
Tue 19th	Uxbridge	Meeting
Fri 22nd	Abingdon	C/A
Sat 23rd	Sudbury	C/A
Thu 28th	BESO Reception	Whitehall
Sat 30th	Chipping Barnet	C/A
1st to 13 th July	Indianapolis	Int Convention
Sat 14th	District Handover	Watford Hilton
Sun 15 th	onwards	Retirement!!!

Bereavements

- The District sends it's condolences to the family of Past President Dilip Patel of Greenford Willow Tree who died suddenly during May. Also to Lion Kelvin Ross of Milton Keynes (Bletchley) whose wife Diana died in May after a long illness
May They Rest in Peace.

Looking forward

- Look back now to the events of the previous year but, more importantly, look forward to what you can achieve next year for DGE Ram and Shashi. This District has had a good year compared to some but there is no time for complacency – high margins in membership figures can soon erode. Lets stay vigilant

And finally....

Brigid, David and myself thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the kindness and care and understanding you have all shown us this year. The last few months have not been easy for us since my mum – our regular 92-year-old babysitter - went into a long stay hospital. Our thanks to the rest of the family and our friends, and clubs who went out of their way to accommodate our needs during those difficult times. The end of the year came into perspective when David said one day on the phone "Never mind Dad, the years nearly over, it will be nice to have you home evenings and weekends".

Look after yourselves, we will never forget you.

Mike & Brigid