

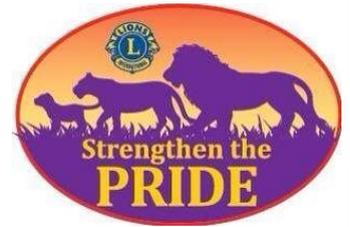


DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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OUT AND ABOUT

October has been my busiest month so far, with a further 7 clubs visited, Autumn Forum, Charter Anniversary dinners, Council Advisory Committee meeting, a 2 day Council of Governors meeting followed by 3 days at Europa Forum.

AUTUMN FORUM

On 5th October Autumn Forum was held at the St John's hotel Solihull, where I presented Global Leadership Team co-ordinator Lion Pauline Fanti with a Guiding Lion certificate.



I also presented Immediate Past District Governor Simon Moss with a Certificate of Appreciation from Immediate Past President Barry Palmer.



We had an update on the Millennium Challenge - 100m people reached through service in 4 core areas of Sight, Youth, Hunger and Environment. See www.lions100.org for more information.

We had a speaker, Carole Fox from Sifa Fireside homeless centre and an update from Joy on the progress of her chosen DG partner's project, the homeless.

AUTUMN FORUM CONTINUED.....

This was followed by a presentation from Sandwell Lions Club about your District convention for 2014-15 to be held from 20th to 22nd March 2015 at the Park Inn by Radisson hotel near to Junction 1 M5. There is an excellent programme of social events for Friday and Saturday evenings, Saturday business day with excellent, inspiring speakers, also a partners' trip available, and a Q&A session on Sunday Morning. Please get this in your diary, get booked and support your District Convention – meet old friends / make new ones. We need you there!!!

No time to rest after lunch we had two excellent interactive sessions based on looking at things differently with an alternative view and team working with spaghetti and marsh-mallows not a misprint you had to be there! Thank you to GLT and the Development Team.

We then had an inspiring presentation from Lion Liam Barrett of Marston Green & District giving some feedback from his recent Global Medical brigade trip to Honduras - providing much needed medical support to remote communities. Sponsored by Lions Clubs from around our District.



Liam addresses Forum



Pharmacist Tom Cox

Well done Lion Liam, the Global medical brigade and Lions of District 105M for making a difference to people's lives.

It was an excellent forum and would of course be even better if we get even more to attend next time.

Please circulate to all Club Members

DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND LION JOY GO CLUBBING!

The first Club visit of the month was to Bushby Lions - a very enjoyable dinner meeting, with proceedings watched carefully by the restaurant's Lion!



Next it's over to Castle Bromwich Lions club for a lively meeting and presentation of a 25 year Long Service chevron to Lion Phil White.



Onwards to Birmingham Moseley & Kings Heath for a very productive meeting and induction of 4 new members following the new member inducted a few weeks ago and with more prospective members lined up!



5 new members with Lion President Bridgette, Lion John Barnes and the DG.

DG GOES CLUBBING CONTINUED.....

Next it was Wolverhampton for a great meeting and a presentation of a cheque to Joy's charity, see the photograph of Wolverhampton lions presenting sleeping bags, hats, gloves and more!



We visited Nuneaton Lions club on a very rainy night but a great meeting with lots of business to discuss. Long service chevrons for J. O'Brien (45), John Fidgett (45), Charles Parkinson (40), Richard Chattaway (15).



We visited Wellesbourne club on another very rainy night but there was a warm welcome inside. 6 long service chevrons presented to Lions Max Down (25), Brian Nuttall (25), Robert Parton (25), Victor Horton (20), Paul Gibson (20) Peter Fisher (15).



The photograph shows three of these members present on the evening

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The last Club visit in October was to Solihull for a lively and productive meeting breaking new ground.....



Photographic evidence of PDG Lion Doug Cross being fined by the Tail-twister and, yes, he did pay!

More long service chevrons were presented to Lions Ken Bate (40) and Lion President Paul Jolly (35).



LP Paul presented cheques for Joy's Homeless appeal and the District Officers 'wish list'.

CLUB CHARTER ANNIVERSARIES

We enjoyed attending Marston Green & District Charter Anniversary dinner, held at the Arden hotel. I inducted a new member, Lion Matt McNally, and badged a young LEO, Matt's daughter Gemma, who is keen to join Lions but just too young at the moment.



CHARTER ANNIVERSARIES CONTINUED...



Gemma McNally

I presented Lion President Heather with a long service chevron (25) and chevrons were also presented to Lions Angela Lawton and Brian Horner for 35 years' service, including their service as Leos.

We then attended Wellingborough charter anniversary, at the very grand setting of Wellingborough golf club.

It was an excellent evening with a fine meal and I presented a membership award to PDG Lion Roger Hancock for introduction of new members to the club.



I was captured in this photograph serving coffee.....one of the duties of a District Governor....

Apparently!!!

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JOY'S CHARITY UPDATE

The homeless centres charity appeal continues to be very well supported and to date 5,542 items have been donated, not only from our own district, but from other districts too (There was only just enough room in the car for me coming back from Europa Forum with boxes on my lap and every spare space of the car filled). I would like to thank everyone for all the items donated so far.

I have managed to source suppliers for 'all seasons' sleeping bags and rucksacks that are needed, but I need the money to purchase these, along with flasks, and waterproofs for the rough sleepers.

An extensive list can be found on the web. http://www.lions105m.org.uk/downloads/Wanted%20List%202014_10_01.pdf

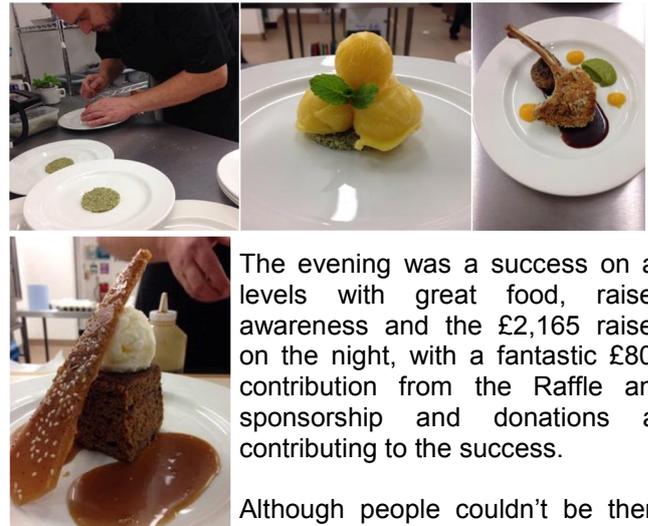
The main event for the charity this month was the homeless dinner held at the fabulous Worcester Army Reserve centre. The meal was cooked by the homeless from St Pauls centre at Worcester, under the guidance of Chef Matt and supported by staff from the centre who helped with the table service.

It was a truly great evening and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone including the Mayor of Worcester, Councillor Alan Amos (his car arrived and I had to ask his driver to come back later!!!).



I would like to thank all involved in supporting the evening, including Lions from around the District.

There are far too many to list everyone, but I must give particular thanks to Birmingham Chinatown Lions for organising the raffle and Northampton 80 for supplying and running the 'race night' entertainment.



The evening was a success on all levels with great food, raised awareness and the £2,165 raised on the night, with a fantastic £800 contribution from the Raffle and sponsorship and donations all contributing to the success.

Although people couldn't be there on the night, many took part in the raffle and winners of the raffle that weren't there were: Lion Gillian Conlon from Shirley, Lion David Blakeman from Balsall Common and 1st VDG Lion Heather Jeavons – Thank you very much.

We have another fundraiser in mind - 'Service with a Difference'. For this we need people that would like to donate their time to someone who is willing to pay.... I for instance would like someone to come and do my ironing.... Our Zone F Chairman John Kelly said he would cook a meal... Kidderminster's Richard Williams has offered to take someone with him to work for a day – now if you don't know what Richard does for a living – it'll be an experience!!! Immediate Past District Governor Simon has offered lessons on Facebook, Twitter, 21 year old Liam Barrett from Marston Green and District has offered.... Well I'm afraid you'll have to come to the event to find out!!!

These offers are great, but we do need more people from around the district to volunteer something... We are looking for a central venue (that is free) to make it easy for people to get to. If you can help, either with volunteering, or with ideas for a venue, please get in touch with me.



Anybody can knit a hat..... District Governor Andrew for 105NE showing a French visitor to Europa Forum how it's done!!!

Thank you for all your support!
Joy x

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MEMBERSHIP

The District gained new members in October and I would like welcome them to our Lions family:

Knowle & Dorridge
Marston Green & District
Shakespeare
Walsall
Wellesbourne

Michael Colyer
Matthew McNally
Bridget Hartnett
Pearl Jobbins
Mary Geisler

Unfortunately, we also lost Lion President David Cox, of Birmingham Chinatown Lions Club who, until his death, worked tirelessly to help Birmingham Chinatown Lions Club to achieve their goals. Our sympathies go to his family and friends.

Worldwide membership at 3rd November increased again to 1,388,228, District 105M membership totalled 1033.

CHANGING OF THE LIONS FLAG



Since the International Convention was held in Birmingham in 1998, there has been a Lions flag flying at the National Exhibition Centre, over a specially commissioned plaque commemorating the Convention. The flag has been changed regularly since then and the opportunity was taken again at the end of October, prior to the start of Europa Forum.



*International 1st Vice President Dr Jitsuhiro Yamada
& IPP Barry Palmer*

SPOTLIGHT ON..... EUROPA FORUM



From 30th October to 2nd November, Lions from MD 105 hosted the 60th Europa Forum at the Birmingham Hilton Metropole Hotel near to the NEC, with Lions from all over Europe and beyond joining the forum and 60th celebrations.

International President Joe Preston attended, as well as International Vice President Yahmada and Immediate Past President Barry Palmer.

There were many highlights including a welcome dinner with the Lord Mayor of Birmingham at the Council house.



The Lord Mayor agreed to become a Lion when asked by the International President Joe Preston and I was asked to badge the Mayor.....Ask One!



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EUROPA FORUM CONTINUED

The 1:2:4 micro Finance project was officially launched, with every £50 club donation being matched by Lord Loomba foundation and in turn this £100 is matched by LCIF to make £200.

The fund will be used to purchase sewing machines in India to help widows support their families and break away from the spiral of exploitation and prostitution they very often face.



Signing agreements with the Loomba Foundation and the Hand in Hand organisation.

Immediate Past President Barry Palmer also announced that a fund would be set up by LCIF to help the orphans resulting from the Ebola disaster. Pledges totalling \$300,000 from around Europe were made within 24 hours of the announcement, including \$15,000 from this Multiple District.

There was fabulous entertainment from around the British Isles and Ireland, including Scottish Pipers, Willie Brennan band from Ireland, singing waiters and the Joe Loss orchestra.



Opening Ceremony Lion 'Twinkle Toes (not)' Joy and 1st Vice President Dr Yamada - not only did she get to drive him to and from the flag changing ceremony, she got him on the dance floor too...



The Gala Dinner



The Farewell Dinner

It was a great Forum and a great 60th Diamond celebration, with 'Service from the Heart'.

Thoughts to Inspire...

Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right. (Henry Ford)

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**20th – 22nd Mar 2015:**

District Convention, Park Inn by Radisson, West Bromwich

8th – 10th May 2015:

MD Convention, Hilton Birmingham Metropole

Further details of all these events will be circulated by Joy during the year.



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

EBOLA ORPHAN AID APPEAL

The current outbreak of the Ebola virus in West Africa now appears to have killed more than all other known Ebola outbreaks combined. So far the outbreak has taken over 5,000 lives.

LCIF Chairperson, Immediate Past International President Barry Palmer, on 31st October 2014 at the Europa Forum in Birmingham, announced Ebola Orphans' Relief Aid Program. There are over 5000 orphans in the 4 Countries affected by Ebola.

LCIF has given a \$150,000 grant from disaster fund to the local Lions to be utilised for immediate need. Several countries, including Japan, Sweden, Norway and our MD 105 have already committed their support at the Forum. Lions and LCIF are pledging their support for those most in need.

LCIF Chairperson asked all to raise funds towards Ebola Orphan Aid project for long term help for these children. These funds will be used for food, sanitation, education and stigma of the disease through local Lions in all the affected Countries for short and long term projects for the Ebola orphans. We need these funds in addition to all other LCIF donations.

Please consider making a donation to LCIF Ebola Aid Program and bring hope to Ebola victims, their families and those affected by the outbreak.

Please send donations via your District Treasurer, made payable to LCI, District 105M and endorsed on the back "Ebola Aid".

Thank you.

PCC Geoff Leeder
LCIF MD Coordinator

DG TEAM TRAVELS**DG****November**

- 2nd Europa Forum
- 5th Coventry Godiva CV
- 8th Harborough TWENTY 12 CA
- 9th Remembrance Day Parade – London
- 10th Malvern Hills CV
- 12th Redditch CV
- 13th Droitwich CV
- 14th Children in Need tbc
- 15th Northampton & Northampton 80 Joint CA
- 17th Bromsgrove CV
- 21st Sandwell Barn Dance
- 22nd Worcester CA
- 24th Kingswinford & Stourbridge CV
- 25th DG Team Meeting
- 29th Coventry Leofric – Albany Theatre
- 30th Cabinet
- 30th Young Ambassador Competition

December

- Date tbc Birmingham Edgbaston CV
- 3rd Warwick CV
- 9th Birmingham Handsworth CV
- 10th Thurnby CV
- 11th Dudley CV
- 27th DG Team Meeting

1st VDG**November**

- 2nd Nov Europa Forum
- 4th - 5th It's A Knock Out Malvern Lions
- 3rd - 14th BBC Children in Need assistance
- 24th MD Convention Meeting
- 25th DG Team Meeting
- 28th 1st VDG Training
- 29th - 30th GMT/GLT Summit
- 30th Cabinet
- 30th Young Ambassador Competition

2nd VDG**November**

- 2nd Nov Europa Forum
- 8th Harborough Twenty12 Charter Dinner
- 22nd Worcester Charter Dinner
- 26th 'End to End Walk' Meeting
- 25th DG Team Meeting
- 27th Zone H Visit
- 30th Cabinet
- 30th Young Ambassador Competition
- Tbc GMT Meeting

December

- 2nd LRP Meeting
- 27th DG Team Meeting
- Zones A, B, C, F visits to be finalised

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