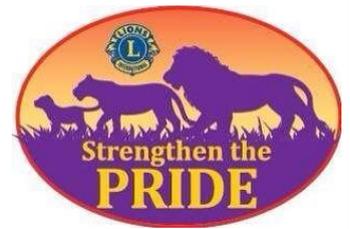




DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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OUT AND ABOUT IN JANUARY

Sleeping Beauty with Droitwich Lions



Joy and I joined Droitwich Lions for a special performance of the pantomime, Sleeping Beauty at the Norbury theatre Droitwich with tickets available to local groups or individuals of disadvantaged youngsters, elderly or disabled. It was a fabulous evening enjoyed by all.

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Join Together Attended a presentation of a pilot programme for a new membership initiative aimed at existing special interest groups. More information to follow.

Council of Governors (CoG)



Attended the third Council of Governors weekend meeting looking at issues affecting British Isles and Ireland Lions. We were joined by the Vice District Governors who also selected their Chairman of Council for the Lions year 2015-16. District 105M's PDG Simon Moss was successful and will be the new Council of Governors chairman.

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Lion Simon brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role and will I'm sure have an enjoyable and successful year working with the incoming Council.

Many congratulations to Simon!

Kenilworth Charter

Immediately after the Council of Governors meeting on Sunday 25th Joy and I headed for Kenilworth's 45th charter lunch celebration. The celebration dinner was well supported and we were joined by the Town Mayor. Lion President Ted, his wife Syliva and the top table guests.



Attended **Kettering Charter** hosted by Lion President Chris and Kettering & District Lions Club the District Governor presented Immediate Past President Barbara Gray with a Club

Excellence award including a banner patch for the club in recognition of the clubs performance in 2013-14.



Please circulate to all Club Members

DG IAN AND LION JOY GO CLUBBING!

More enjoyable club visits, this month mainly Birmingham and Warwickshire. Thank you for the warm welcome and hospitality.

First Club visit of the new year was to Sutton Coldfield & Erdington



Kenilworth Lions Club — I had the pleasure of helping to induct 7 new members at Kenilworth Lions Club meeting. A fantastic achievement.

Birmingham Acocks Green — well attended meeting including a visit from the Zone Chair Chris Burrows together with fellow Shirley Lion Roger Starling.



A fast paced meeting a lot of business covered in a short meeting - Joy was presented with a cheque for her 'Homeless Appeal'



JOY'S CHARITY UPDATE



As I said from the start that I don't plan to give centres actual money because we work extremely hard to raise the money that we get and we care about every penny.... It's with this in mind that I've been working hard to get

the money that is donated to my 'District Governors Wife's Appeal' to go even further ...

WHAT BARGAINS....I've managed to get 250 ml liquid soap for about 25p, Colegate toothbrushes for about 3p, Disposable razors for 2p . Those are just a few examples. So please rather than



go out and pay for items—donate the money to my appeal, so that I can buy them at prices a lot less than in the shops. I can get thermal socks 3 pairs for 75p, fleece scarves 65p and 42p for thermal gloves - combs for less than 10p, I have found a source that can supply. So as you can see I am working very hard to make sure that every penny that you give to me goes a very very long way.

Fancy sitting in the rain and snow? If you have any waterproof jackets and trousers that you don't want, can you let me know and I will take them off your hands. Again I have a source for these but need the money to pay for them. If you have any unwanted thermos flasks I will take those of you too.



MURDER OVER DINNER FISH N'CHIPS FOLLOWED BY AN ILLUSTRATED TALK BY CANDLELIGHT: TALES FROM THE FRIGHTFUL CITY:

THREE WEST MIDLANDS MURDERS
A great night was had with 70 people attending to listen to the talk by Doctor Robbie Porter - with over £1,000 raised. Thank you to all for making it a good night. So good in fact that we're having another one on Friday 27th March in Worcestershire (venue to be confirmed) with murders based on the area.



Saturday 28th February an Italian Buffet Meal (including entertainment) is being run by Kingswinford & Stourbridge Lions for the pot... To get your tickets contact Barbara Dutton diabetes@lions105m.org.uk

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Golf Day A reminder that on Thursday 14th May, at Ombersley Golf Club just off the A449 Kidderminster to Worcester road, my Golf Day, raising funds to go into the pot for my 'Homeless' Appeal takes place. Remember, this



will not just benefit Worcester, it will benefit the 6 centres around the district, so please all you golfers from around the district put in a team.

4 Ball is £150 to include a 2 course meal. Non Players welcome to join us for the meal and presentations.

SIX MONTH HELPING THE HOMELESS THROUGH THE HOPE CENTRE NORTHAMPTON

When Joy asked me to become involved with her chosen charity helping the Homeless within the District, it took me no time at all to agree, and here we are six months further on, half way, so now is the time to assess what we have done and plan our strategy for the next six months.

The Hope Centre is situated in Northampton and serves the whole of Northamptonshire, it is a multi agency Centre, where people (or clients) can go to find support if they are homeless, a warm meal for a small charge (£1.60); a clothes shop where every item costs 30p, with the exception of pants and socks but more of those later; access to a GP if they are ill or need a prescription; support if they are young and have been thrown out of their family home; skills to take back into the community by their supported workshops to repair tools, learn how to cook and electrical PAT testing within the community.

In fact their motto is: -

We aim to give everyone a hand up, not a hand out.

The Hope Centre is a new building, a welcoming place, where nobody feels any less a human being for being down on their luck, this is in part due to the staff and army of volunteers that act as one big support system and the guidance and leadership from it's General Manager Cathi Maryon, with whom Lions have made strong connections, that are very likely to continue well after this year has finished.

Early on in the Lionistic year I arranged a visit for Club Presidents and anybody else who was interested to visit the Centre, this was so they could go back

to their own clubs and talk with authority on the inspirational work the Centre does. There was a good uptake and nearly all the Presidents have now made their own links with the Centre, providing clothes, bedding, towels, shower gel and toiletries, shoes of every shape and size, items for setting up new homes and indeed in the case of Northampton Eighty cooked a meal for the staff and volunteers, I hear another such event is to happen very shortly.

The other Northampton Club have given items for their arts and crafts activity sessions, a member of the club has also volunteered to go and carry out workshops with the clients in craft activities...she mentioned something about ironwork!

Wellingborough Lions went and made a visit along with books, bedding and clothes a welcome sight during the autumn, they also provided new items for the Centre to use. Kettering Lions decided they would like to support the Hope Centre as they are in Northamptonshire, they have supported the Centre with huge donations of everything imaginable, most of which took up a large portion of my double garage over Christmas, but has now been safely delivered.

This brings me to my rallying cry at District Handover... Give me your pants! And you have, we have supplied the best part of 200 pairs of pants and 200 pairs of socks to the Hope Centre in the last six months. What a difference that makes to people who have nothing, these are the only items that the Hope Centre actually gives away. This is a win win situation, we all manage to recycle what we don't want or need any more, and those with absolutely nothing get something out of your generosity. This is what Lions do when we all work together - we make a difference to people's lives, we are amazing people doing amazing things!

Now about your pants for the next six months....

Cath Kendall
President Northampton Lions Club

Joyx

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20th–22nd March 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.

Please circulate to all Club Members

MEMBERSHIP

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

Alan James	Bromsgrove
Carole Baker	Harborough Twenty 12
Harold Baker	Harborough Twenty 12
Jeffrey Craddock	Kenilworth
Richard Hobbs	Kenilworth
Ian Macafee	Kenilworth
John Maclean	Kenilworth
Robert Mansfield	Kenilworth
William Wanley	Kenilworth
John Whiehouse	Kenilworth
Helen Scott	Kidderminster
Keith Scott	Kidderminster
Elizabeth Clifton	Kingswinford & Stourbridge
Stephen Clifton	Kingswinford & Stourbridge
Keith Brown	Rowell & Desborough
William Cox	Rowell & Desborough
Gabriel Abrahams	Towcester

Worldwide membership at 1st February 1,381,020 in District 105M 1,014

DG TEAM TRAVELS

DG

February

3 rd	Birmingham Handsworth CV
5 th	Aldridge CV
9 th	Balsall Common CV
10 th	Convention Meeting
11 th	Birmingham Sheldon CV
14 th	Walsall CA
15 th	Cabinet Meeting
16 th	Pink Pamper Evening
17 th	Harborough Twenty 12 CV
19 th	Bilston & Willenhall CV
20 th -21 st	MD Young Ambassador Final Dudley
21 st	Birmingham Chinatown - Chinese New Year
22 nd	Bushby CA
23 rd	Knowle & Dorridge Master Quiz
24 th	Convention Meeting
25 th	DG Team Meeting
28 th	K&S and Lion Barbara Dutton's Italian Evening
DTBC	Region 2 Skittles

March

4 th	Warwick CV
10 th	UN Day
11 th	Coventry Mercia CV
13 th -14 th	BS Convention
14 th	Nuneaton CA
19 th	Meeting the International Guest
20 th -22 nd	District Convention
27 th	Murder over Dinner 2
DTBC	DG Team Meeting

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DTBC	Coventry Godiva Leo's CV

1st VDG

February

2 nd	F&A Meeting
3 rd	Rushden CV
4 th	Girl's Rugby Planning Meeting
15 th	Cabinet Meeting
25 th	DG Team Meeting
26 th	MD Convention Meeting
28 th	Malvern Quiz

March

5 th	Corby CV
9 th	Hinckley & Burbage CV
10 th	Lions UN Day London
12 th	Shakespeare CV
11 th	Zone F Girls Rugby Tournament
13 th	Worcester Quiz Night
14 th	Bromsgrove Charter
17 th	Birmingham Exhibition CV
20 th -22 nd	District Convention
DTBC	DG Team Meeting

2nd VDG

February

2 nd	F&A Meeting
15 th	Cabinet Meeting
21 st	Birmingham Chinatown - Chinese New Year
22 nd	Bushby CA
25 th	DG Team Meeting

March

3 rd	LRP meeting
4 th	Zone F visit
10 th	UN Day visit
20 th -22 nd	District Convention
24 th	Kenilworth Lion's YLiS
DTBC	DG Team Meeting
DTBC	Zone visits

SPOTLIGHT ON.....

The Peace Poster Competition



At the judging of the Peace poster competition our external judges after much deliberation declared the winner to be from 105 A Hemel Hempstead Lions Club. The winning poster is shown here. Second place was awarded to 105C Boroughbridge

98 and third place to 105M Balsall Common.

THOUGHTS TO INSPIRE

When one door of happiness closes, another opens, but often we took so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us. – *Hellen Keller*

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